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A COMPANY WAR

Means Much for the Alabama Coal Mining Industry.

The possibilities for the immediate development of the mineral resources of Alabama, especially in coal fields, are revived by a persistent story that comes from New York city and from several different sources. These stories rest on the truth or fallacy of two announcements that have been made—that new interests are in control of the United States steel corporation, and that this trust and the Pittsburg Coal Company are at odds.

What is claimed to be practically official information is given out to the effect that J. P. Morgan has run his limit as dictator of the steel trust, and that the control of this gigantic corporation has passed into the hands of John D. Rockefeller, Standard Oil magnate, and Henry C. Frick, the enemy of Andrew Carnegie.

The other story deals with the expiration of the contract between the steel trust and the Pittsburg Coal Company for the supply of the coal used by the first named corporation. This contract expired with the old year and has not been renewed. The claim is advanced it will not be. The United States steel corporation will develop its own large holdings of coal properties, the supposition being that they are largely interested in Alabama fields.

Under active conditions the United States Steel Corporation consumes in the neighborhood of 8,500 tons of coal per day, most of all of which has been furnished by the Pittsburg Coal Company. The consumption of the steel combine last year was something less than 2,000,000 tons. At the rate of \$1.40 per ton, paid in 1903, the coal consumed in a single year would represent a valuation of more than \$4,000,000.

Historic School Burned.

St. Catherine's academy, a Catholic school for girls, located near Springfield, Ky., burned to the ground Sunday. There was no fatalities. The loss is about \$200,000. So rapid was the progress of the flames that the pupils barely escaped with their lives, and clad only in their robes de nuit made their way over the icy and snow covered fields to the academy at St. Rose, where they were sheltered. St. Catherine's was one of the historic educational institutions of Kentucky, and was founded in 1804.

Lost His Hand.

Master Harris Seed, of Greensboro, Ala., while out hunting was so unfortunate as to shoot his left hand all to pieces.

The comptroller of the currency has authorized the Selma national, of Selma, Ala., to begin business with \$150,000 capital.

The congressional library has purchased from Mrs. G. W. Fall, of Nashville, the letters of President James K. Polk. The consideration is not known, but it is said to have been \$10,000. They are considered very valuable, and the government has been trying to obtain possession of them for a number of years.

A telephone line between Waterloo, and Florence, the only incorporated towns in Lauderdale co., Ala., was opened a few days ago. The line is owned and will be operated by the Stantonville Telephone Co. It will have connections with the Southern Bell.

The monthly statement of the public debt shows that at the close of business December 31st, 1903, the debt, less cash in the treasury, amounted to \$214,150,880, which is a decrease for the month of \$11,615,530.

A brother of Hon. Chancery M. Dewey dropped dead in Detroit, Mich., Sunday.

"The Good Princess" Is Dead.

Princess Mathilde, the only daughter of Prince Jerome Bonaparte, died at Paris Saturday. The death of Princess Mathilde has caused sorrow throughout France, not only because she was one of the last of the Napoleons, but because she was always known as "the good princess."

The monthly statements of the government's receipts and expenditures show that for the month of December, 1903, the total receipts were \$42,747,592, and the expenditures \$32,255,894, leaving a surplus for the month of \$10,491,698. The receipts for the six months of the present fiscal year amounted to \$277,837,472, and the expenditures to \$263,899,971, a decrease in receipts of nearly \$11,000,000 from the corresponding period last year, and an increase in expenditures of slightly more than five and a half millions.

The Gate City, Ala., rolling mill has resumed work in all departments.

The weather conditions during the past week have been favorable for plowing and planting on the sugar plantations and this work is being actively pushed everywhere. The estimated tonnage for 1902-3 is 225,000.

The Keystone Lime Company is preparing to erect five new kilns at their plant at Hardyville. This is one of the largest plants of the kind and employs a large number of men.

TENNESSEE RAILROAD

Loses Their Shops at East Nashville.

The Tennessee Central railroad shops in South Nashville, Tenn., burned Thursday night, entailing an estimated loss of \$350,000. The boiler shops, planing mill, blacksmith shop, round house, machine shop, store room and office were almost entirely consumed and four locomotives, one combination and four box cars were destroyed. The loss in rolling stock is estimated at \$70,000, fully insured. It is said that there was an insurance of but \$35,000 on the plant.

Summed.

Secretary Webb, of the Mississippi railroad commission, has cited the traffic officials of all the railroads doing business in this state to appear before the commission on Tuesday to show cause, if any they can, why there should not be a general and thorough revision and reclassification of tariff sheets. This matter was to have been adjusted at the last meeting of the commission, but it went over. On the 8th inst the commissioners will all go to Vicksburg in answer to a summons to appear in the injunction proceedings instituted by the Illinois Central to prevent the assessment of its capital stock for back taxes, as demanded by the state revenue agent. This suit involves more than \$1,000,000.

Car Exploded.

A box car on the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley road, containing about \$5,000 worth of loaded cartridges and paper shells, caught fire at Pickens, Miss., and exploded. Although nobody was injured the explosion caused a panic among the citizens of the little town.

Shot Her Playmate.

Charles Kopman, a Birmingham boy, was probably fatally shot by accident by Pearl Renford, a little girl. They were playing with a 22-caliber Winchester rifle when the gun was discharged and the bullet entered the boy's stomach.

Resisted Arrest.

William F. Lark, of Piedmont, S. C., visiting relatives, was killed at Childersburg, Ala., by city officers while resisting arrest for disorderly conduct.

Citizens of Jackson, Miss., are attaching much mystery to an advertisement published by the register of the United States land office for Mississippi offering a premium of \$10 in gold to the person who will produce a \$50 government note bearing the number S 1902 A 26437, \$50. Mr. Collins states that no questions will be asked or answered concerning this bill if found, and declines to discuss the matter or to give the slightest information as to the purpose for which it is wanted. It is believed, however, that the government has some special object in view in desiring to have it returned to the treasury and is willing to pay a substantial sum in excess of its value in order to get it back.

Several signatures have been secured on a petition circulated in Florence, Ala., asking the government to select another site for the federal building. Upon the one chosen by the government inspector stands the old synodical college, built in 1848, with its broad galleries and massive columns on all four sides. It is one of the most interesting and picturesque buildings in the state and is dear to the heart of every Florentine.

It is reported that Miss Rosie Middleton, a blind girl of Phenix City, Ala., will probably die from injuries received in a railroad accident near Newville, Pa.

Dog in the Manger.

The East Lake, Ala., Baptist church was totally destroyed by fire Friday. The Rev. George Thomas, the pastor, has been arrested on the charge of having set fire to the building. He was notified Thursday night at a meeting of the congregation that his services would be no longer needed and in about two hours afterwards the fire broke out.

Young Woman Shoots Herself.

Miss Effie Woods, aged 20, member of a prominent Nashville, Tenn., family, committed suicide New Year's day by shooting herself through the head with a shotgun. Ill health was the cause.

Head Crushed.

James Albert Isaacs, a white miner, about 35 or 40 years old, was instantly killed by a 2-ton stone which fell on him in the Sayreton mines. The head of the deceased was the only part of his body which was caught.

A rich flow of oil has been struck in Wyoming.

Back Tax Assessments.

Back tax assessments on packing houses, oil companies and refrigerator lines operating private rolling stock in Mississippi were filed in eight counties by the state revenue agent, the assessments amounting to \$1,216,000. This is additional to the big batch of similar claims filed about ten days ago, and will make the total amount of taxes demanded about \$2,500,000.

THE SYSTEM PAYS

State Leasing of Convicts a Source of Revenue.

The profits of the Alabama convict department broke all records during the past year, the profits paid into the state treasury reaching more than \$200,000. This is in excess of last year by about \$40,000 and more than double any previous year.

This increase is due to working the state convicts under the direct supervision of the department rather than the old lease system.

A comparison of the returns for eight years shows as follows:

1896	5,557.55
1900	6,253.14
1901	92,545.50
1902	98,885.61
1903	160,418.35

The new mining contract under which the state is now getting a largely increased revenue went into effect January 1, 1903. So that on September 30 last it had been in effect only nine months, and while the fiscal year shows a net earning of only \$160,418.35, the earnings for the calendar year of twelve months will be as much as \$200,000.

At Practice.

The Atlantic training squadron, under command of Rear-Admiral Wise, have reached Pensacola from New Orleans. All the vessels dropped anchor off the navy yard after an exchange of salutes, and immediately began coaling. The squadron will remain several weeks, during which time the apprentices will be trained in land drills. When the Hartford arrived she was short forty of her apprentices, who had left the ship at New Orleans. The other ships also lost some of their apprentices, but not such large numbers.

No Jurisdiction.

Two allegations recently made by the Alabama Car Service association were the subject of consideration by the state railroad commission, which has decided that it has no jurisdiction in the cases named. The contentions were:

1. This commission has no jurisdiction over the operation of the Alabama Car Service association.
2. That the statute creating this commission does not confer upon it any jurisdiction over matters and things arising under the rules of the Alabama Car Service association.

Meridian, Miss., has filed a suit for \$500,000 against the Meridian Water company, alleging breach of contract and damage accruing during the past 18 years. The suit is filed following the victory of the city in another suit against the Water Works company, in which the existing contract was declared null and void.

The book of Gen. Weyler, the Spanish governor general of Cuba, in which he tells his experience at that time is looked for soon. He is reserved about his book, but it is known the most interesting parts are entitled "My Project of Disembarking in United States Territory and the Reasons Why I Was Obligated to Renounce that Project."

The Columbus, Ind., Central Christian church, the only one in the west which has a roof garden, has formed a shower and plunge bath and bowling alleys in the basement. When completed there will probably be no other church in America similarly equipped. The purpose is to furnish amusement to keep men from saloons.

Seven employees of the ill-fated Chicago Iroquois theater were arrested on orders issued by the chief of police. The charge against them is at present that of being accessory to manslaughter. They will be held pending the verdict of the coroner's jury.

He is Coming.

A dispatch from Adis Abeba states that the American expedition under Consul-General Skinner, which has been visiting King Menelik of Abyssinia, has been most successful. Consul-General Skinner has arranged a treaty for both the United States and Ethiopia, assuring friendly commercial relations. King Menelik has also informed the party that he will accept the invitation to take part in the St. Louis exposition. Menelik further stated that he was going to present two lions and a pair of elephant tusks to President Roosevelt.

Colony in North Alabama.

Nelson O'Shaughnessy and wife, of New York, have sold to the Thompson Land company the Clemens and Clay farms of 1,840 acres near Madison, Ala. This is one of the largest sales of land recorded here this year. The purchasers will cut the land into small farms and colonize northern and western farmers.

Minister's Son Killed.

Fargo Squires, the eldest son of United States Minister to Cuba Squires, was accidentally shot and mortally wounded by Gaston Michaud, a chauffeur employed by his father. Young Squires and several servants were shooting at a target in the coach house of the minister's residence. They used 22-caliber rifles, and one of them apparently got out of order. Michaud, after examining the weapon, reloaded it, when suddenly the piece was discharged, the ball penetrating the young man's left lung. A hemorrhage ensued and within half an hour Squires died.

The dock yards at Portsmouth have been ordered to send six warships to Malta, to replace those ordered to China.

The Schuler furnace at Gadsden, Ala., will be lighted next week.

Army Changes.

When Gen. S. M. B. Young, who became chief of the staff August 15th, retires January 9th, next, and Gen. A. R. Chaffee succeeds him as lieutenant general, the president intends to promote a number of brigadier generals and immediately retire them as major generals. Several colonels will be rated to the star grade and retired and others will be promoted on the active list.

BOWIE PROTESTS

Against Discrimination in Rural Routes.

Representative Bowie, of Alabama, has found time during the holidays, by careful analysis of the report of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow and by other personal investigation, to perform a task which renders a signal benefit to the promotion of the rural postal service throughout the south.

As a result of his investigations Mr. Bowie has sent to Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow a letter, which contains the following:

"I find that up to June 30, 1903, the southern states had filed 8,850 petitions, the northern states 20,934 petitions. You will see, if population is considered, that the number of petitions filed in the southern states is relatively about the same as in the north. But when we come to the routes established there are only 3,354 in the south, as against 11,737 in the north. In other words, only 37 per cent of the petitions filed for the south were established, while in the north there were 86 per cent. I find that in the south only 53 per cent of the petitions filed were investigated, and in the north 65 per cent. I notice another striking condition. In the south 29 per cent of the routes examined were rejected, and in the north only 14 per cent were rejected. "In the northern states there were fifty-four counties given the complete service, the routes there numbering 2,276. These, added to the 210 routes in two Tennessee and Kentucky, republican districts, make a total of 2,486, as against 212 for southern democratic districts."

\$360,000 TIMBER LAND DEAL.

For 30,000 Acres in Walker and Winston Counties.

Neil Brown, Charles Gilbert and J. H. Koehler, representing the Winton Lumber company of Wausau, Wis., are in Jasper, Ala., closing a deal with the Jasper Land company for thirty thousand acres of valuable yellow pine timber lands situated in Walker and Winston counties.

Several years ago the Jasper Land company was organized, and among other valuable lands bought was a tract of 30,000 acres of long leaf yellow pine land in Walker and Winston counties, north of Jasper. This land has been held ever since and no timber has yet been cut from it. The deal with the Winton Lumber company gives them the controlling interest in the tract, the Jasper Land company retaining about 45 per cent of it. The consideration is said to be \$360,000, or about \$12.50 per acre.

The Winton Lumber company will develop this property at an early date by the establishment of large lumber mills and manufacturing plants. The timber is almost inexhaustible, and the development of this vast tract will mean thousands of dollars for business interests, and it is one of the most important deals that has ever been made in Walker county property.

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HUNDREDS PERISH

IN THEATRE HORROR

Chicago Scene of Greatest Calamity in History of American Stage.

THE IROQUOIS A DEATH TRAP

More Than 600 Men, Women and Children Lose Their Lives in a Fire Panic.

Beautiful New Theatre, Supposedly Fireproof, Crowded With Women and Children Attending Matinee Performance, Becomes in a Flash a Caldron of Flame—Electric Spark From a Broken Wire Started the Blaze—Draught Swept the Flames Almost Instantly Into the Auditorium—Stairways Became Choked Quickly—Bodies Piled Three and Four Deep in Aisles—Fire Exit Not Adequate—Terrible Panic on the Streets.

Chicago, Ill.—More than 500 persons, mostly women and children, perished by fire in the Iroquois Theatre. It is estimated that the total number of the dead is 563.

The fire began while a matinee performance of "Mr. Bluebeard" was being played. An electric spark from a broken wire shot into the flies and an explosion followed. Then a panic ensued.

From that time on until the flames filled the place the death crush continued. A mass of humanity was jammed into the balcony stairway, surrounded by smoke and flames. The mass soon settled back into a death pose, and there they were found by firemen. Trucks, express wagons and patrol wagons were all in use carrying away the bodies.

The asbestos curtain in the theatre would not work, and the flames swept at once to the pit and adjoining walls. All the exits were soon choked by frantic women and children, and those on the inside, fearful of the advancing flames and smoke, were unable to move either way. Children were taken from the ruins, some burned to a crisp, and others trampled beyond recognition. Women by the score were found in a tangled and scorching mass near the stairway.

The theatre was almost in darkness in the second act. The stage was lighted only by the soft artificial beams from the calcium, which lent beauty to the scene during the singing of the "Moonlight Song" by the double sextette. A flash of flame shot across through the flimsy draperies, started by a spark.

A show girl screamed hysterically. The singers stopped short, but with presence of mind the director increased the volume of the music. Scores rose in their seats as the stage manager shouted an order for the continuation of the song. It was obeyed with feeble hearts. The girls forced the words from their throats until two of their number swooned.

Clouds of smoke poured from the stage into the auditorium, enveloping the struggling mass of panic-stricken men, women and children.

Behind the scenes all was confusion. It required but a moment to perceive that the fire had gone too far to be conquered by the amateur fire brigade formed by the stage hands. In the dressing rooms as high as the sixth story were the score of girls of the ballet. At the first alarm the elevator boy fled from his post, and the flames soon shot upward in the wings and made escape by the narrow stairway impossible.

The screams from the imprisoned girls in the upper rows of dressing rooms came to the ears of the more fortunate below, as they rushed to the stage doors. Some stopped for a brief moment, thinking to give aid, but the clouds of smoke, growing denser and denser, forced them to flee. The escape even then was miraculous.

The blackened bodies which choked the aisles and stairways, the lines of policemen and firemen carrying limp forms from the building, the overtaxed hospitals, the rows of dead and dying were thrown open to the sufferers, and briefly the tale. Only a few of the terrifying incidents will ever be known.

Great loss of life was prevented and many lives were saved by the heroic rescue work of the students, faculty, janitors and workmen in the Northwestern University building. The rescue work of the people in the top balcony was effectively done by the people in the university building. The platform of the theatre fire exits on the top balcony was directly opposite the third floor fire escape platform of the university building and on a line with the law school lecture room. Kalsominers, decorators and painters were at work in this lecture room, using large planks to make platform for the rush for life.

The first seconds of the rush for life

Costa Rica Recognizes Panama.

Senor Calvo, the Costa Rican Minister, informed Assistant Secretary of State Loomis at Washington, D. C., that his Government had formally extended recognition to the Government of Panama.

Ball Player Shot Dead.

Dennis Leahy, for several years a player in the Virginia Baseball League, and at one time a member of the Cincinnati team, was shot and killed at Knoxville, Tenn., by Frank Regan.

French Parliament Adjourns.

Both houses of the French Parliament adjourned after passing the budget. Etienne Brisson was elected to succeed M. Bourgeois as President of the Chamber.

Embezzler Under Arrest.

Russell Beckett, wanted by the Chicago authorities on the charge of embezzlement of \$5000 from the Bank of Tapanaca, was arrested on board the ship Walden at Philadelphia, Pa.

among those in the audience were quiet, according to those who live to tell the tale. Few, if any, in that throng realize what was to come. They thought only of themselves as they pushed and struggled for every inch as they advanced toward the exits.

For an instant the stairways leading from the balcony were a mass of struggling people, with scores being constantly pushed closer and fighting to get out. Those in the van, unable to keep their footing, fell headlong.

Those behind fell over their prostrate forms, crushing and suffocating them. The scene was then a bedlam. Women and children were in the majority of the fighting crowd, and their shrieks of fear mingled with the groans of the injured and the prayers of supplicants to God.

Women seized their babies in their arms, frantically clung to them, beseeching ears that were deaf to entreaty to save them from the terrible fate impending. Had those appealed to been so disposed they could not have given the assistance so pitiously besought.

In the last hope, born of desperation, scores of those in the balcony, climbed to the railing and leaped to the pit of the theatre, many fell below. Their bodies were found long afterward, when the smoke had cleared away and the firemen could grope their way with lanterns into the place.

The dense smoke quickly rose to the top of the building. To a score of those who had sought to jump from the gallery the smoke was kind, for it brought death quickly. Three women were found hanging over the rail, their faces distorted with agonies of death.

From a dozen sources the alarm went to fire headquarters, but before the vanguard of engines wheeled into Randolph street a dense crowd had gathered in front of the theatre. The firemen were quick to act, but hundreds of bodies were already motionless within the walls of the playhouse so recently opened.

An awe-stricken crowd stood fixedly as those who had been nearest the doors rushed out, their eyes wild with fear. These yelled fire at the top of their voices, and the cry was taken up by the crowd and carried far into busy State street and the other avenues of commerce.

None realized at that minute what had occurred. Each man asked his neighbor if there had been loss of life or injury. Not until the first black and limp body was found in the arms of a policeman did the importance of the disaster begin to dawn on those in the street.

In fifteen minutes nineteen dead bodies were carried out the Randolph street entrance. Then they came so fast that all count was lost.

Every hospital in the city hurried ambulances to the scene, and with them every surgeon who could be spared. They were as nothing, though, as compared to the need. Two and three, and in many cases even more, were bundled into the ambulance and hurried off to the hospitals, where kinder attention could be given them.

The great majority of those who had occupied orchestra seats escaped with their lives, though scores were badly hurt in the rush. Some were knocked down, and with broken limbs were unable to rise.

They were left to die with a number of women who fainted from fright. With the smoke billowing around the corpses of those who had leaped from the balcony and gallery.

In the exits of the balcony and galleries the greatest loss of life occurred. When the firemen went to remove the bodies they found a hundred or more piled in a mass in each place. The clothes were torn completely away from some of the bodies. Here and there a jewelled hand protruded from the pile. All the faces were distorted with pain.

From beneath one mass there suddenly came the moan of a woman. Trembling hands plunged their way into the tangle of human forms, and with a mighty effort pulled to the surface the woman. The blackened lips parted, and a human bent over her to catch the words.

"My child, my poor little boy, where is he? Oh, do bring him to me." Again the lips parted.

"Is he safe? Tell me he is safe and I can die."

"He is safe," the fireman muttered, and all knew his reply was best. She died, and her body was lifted with those of hundreds of others in that one spot.

The calamity was so overwhelming that the firemen and the policemen, who were the first to reach the upper parts of the house, could not realize its astonishing extent. They began by dragging a body or two from the terrible piles at the head of the stairways, as if they did not know the piles were made of human bodies.

Gradually the full significance of the catastrophe dawned upon them. All the lights of the theatre had been extinguished. The tentacles of the fire, fed by the gas from the gasolene stoves, glowed over the piles of dead. From the bodies arose small curls of steam. The firemen had drenched the piles before they knew they were made of human corpses.

Then the work of taking out the inanimate forms began. There were constant appeals for more help. The bodies of little children, torn and bleeding, were tenderly lifted, each by a fireman or policeman, and carried to the street below. Two or three men were needed to bear the heavier burdens.

Every now and then a form faintly breathing was dragged out of the pile. These were handled with even more tenderness than the others as they were carried down the theatre stairway of the glided foyer. Now and then a faint groan was heard coming from the bottom of the pile. This was the signal for renewed and frantic efforts on the part of the rescuers to untangle the human mass.

In the balcony scattered about the aisles and among the charred seats, were found many bodies. One mother,

clinging her child, was found kneeling as if in prayer, with her back to the stage, from which had come the death dealing sheet of flame. She had protected her child from the flames, but the little one was dead in the arms of its mother. As the work of rescue progressed dozens of blankets were brought, and the bodies were carried down in these.

The scene immediately after the fire was got under control and the work of rescue began, was appalling. All the gilt and tinsel of the theatre, all the silks and plushes, all the rich hangings, all the frescoes, had been wiped out. The flames from the stage had swept the entire theatre and left their blight everywhere. The upholstery on many of the seats was still intact, though. But for the failure of some one to act, when action meant life for hundreds, only a few might have perished. The thin sheet of asbestos that could have saved all failed.

In a remarkably short time men whose wives and children had gone to see "Mr. Bluebeard" reached the scene. It was a hopeless task to try to find their loved ones there. Only a few of the dead and dying in the buildings all about men and women searched with frenzied faces. Now and again a searcher would find one for whom he looked. When the dead was found the searcher knelt in prayer.

One man pushed his way into the lobby of the theatre. His eyes were blinded with fear and he did not see the firemen pass out with unconscious forms. Before a group of men he stood for a moment, then he turned and fled. He had seen his wife and child, but he had seen any one had been injured in the fire. "My wife and boy were there," he murmured. "Did every one get out?"

Tears came to the eyes of the men in the little group. At that instant five firemen staggered down the stairs, each bearing a human form. One of the men pointed to them, and the husband and father fell to the floor.

Amid even such sad scenes the pickpockets were busy. The police kept watch as best they could, but the chaos smothered many a purse from the dead and dying, and wrenched rings from the fingers that could no longer offer resistance. Several of these men were caught in their work. They received at the moment punishment all too light for the crime. Only a few were arrested and taken to the police station, where they will be held to await the course of the law.

The chorus was compelled to dress in the cellar. Many of the women were in the dressing room when a crash overcame them. Exit from the cellar was cut off by heavily barred doors. The men were forced to break them open. During this delay many of the girls received painful burns. The girls were forced into the street wearing nightgowns. They took refuge in the Union Hotel and the Sherman House.

Viola MacDonald, one of the most beautiful chorus girls on the stage, was in tight when the cry of "fire" rang through the theatre. She turned to the girl beside her and said:

"I'll not go out on the street in these tights if I am burned to death."

She then ran down stairs to a dressing room to put on her skirt. She got into the skirt and then heard a crash overhead. The girls were hurled by falling and burning timbers. She was the last person to leave the stage part of the theatre without injury. She was hauled through a coal hole by three brawny firemen.

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REPRESENTATIVE.

E. S. Lyman.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Circuit Judge—John Pelham.
Circuit Solicitor—C. C. Whitson.
Circuit Clerk—John P. Pearson.
Sheriff—R. F. Cox.

Terms of Court—Eleventh Monday after the fourth Monday in January and July, and may continue four weeks.

CHANCERY COURT.

Chancellor—R. B. Kelly.
Register in Chancery—J. R. White.
Terms of Court—First Thursdays after second Mondays in March and September.

COUNTY COURT.

County Judge—A. P. Longshore.
County Clerk—John P. Pearson.
County Solicitor—W. E. Oliver.
Terms of Court—Third Mondays in February, May, August and November.
Probate Court—Second Monday in each month.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

Probate Judge—A. P. Longshore.
Clerk—John P. Pearson.
Sheriff—R. F. Cox.
Treasurer—L. J. Carden.
Supt. of Education—J. B. Farrell.
Tax Collector—J. H. Robertson.
Tax Assessor—John S. Pitts.
County Surveyors—A. P. R. Dahl, H. M. Abercrombie.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

First District—L. R. Kendrick.
Second District—R. J. Griffin.
Third District—Pleasant Shaw.
Fourth District—R. B. Posey.
Terms of Court—First Mondays in January, April, July and October. Special Terms—Second Mondays in May and July and first Mondays in June.

Pay your poll tax if you want to vote in the November election.

We trust you have had a happy Xmas, and as the new year shines in upon us we should remember our duty to our home and country.

There seems to be no chance for Calera, and we believe that Calera is already feeling like the little boy the calf run over, "it wishes it wasn't there."

Be sure and read the letter from Calera to J. R. White in another column in regard to a joint debate on the Courthouse question. It is a very poor excuse for an answer.

In taking New Year pledges, we would suggest that you pledge yourself not to be misled by false rumors, and thereby cause you to forget your best interest to your home and country.

After the first Monday in February and the Courthouse is forever stationed at Columbiana; Shelby county's resources will then begin to be developed, and our old county will soon be among the very best in the State.

The time will soon be here when Shelby county citizens will be relieved of a long standing drawback. The Courthouse question has been a worry to the citizens of the county for quite a number of years, and the first Monday in February will tell the tale. We think the voters will go to the polls and cut off Calera's tale.

In this issue will be seen a card from our worthy and faithful county treasurer, in which he says he is not a candidate. This shows a populist spirit and comes from one of as good a Populist as our county affords; yet you will hear people say that the Populists are only office seekers. Did you ever see a Democrat willing to turn the public tent loose. On the other hand it is their motto to 'get there and stay there at all hazards.' Now, not speaking from a partisan standpoint, but we do think this ought to make some of our democratic friends who are such chronic office-seekers a little bit ashamed. Mr. Carden's record as county treasurer is perfectly clean, and doubtless many of his friends will regret to see that he will not be an aspirant again for the office, but Mr. Carden sees fit to show his populist spirit and refuses to again run.

THE NEW YEAR.

With this issue the Advocate assumes the duties of the New Year 1904. As we said in our last issue, we feel the great responsibility. It is, and has always been our aim to give our readers the very best paper possible. In this, like all others, in their respective vocations, perhaps, we have fallen short, but this is not always due however, to our short comings, but rather some times for like of support and encouragement. In saying this, we hope no one will think we are trying to shift the responsibilities which are ours, but we merely hope to call the attention of our supporters to the fact, that our success largely depends upon their loyalty and true patronage.

This year being one of unusual importance to the Advocate and its supporters, we wish to say in the beginning that our best efforts are going to be put foremost. The Advocate has never pretended to champion the cause of any, other than that of the common masses, and when all others of its kind seemed to quake and tremble, we do not believe we are conceited in saying that we have always "stood to the rack." And for this, we are proud, because we yet believe that our cause will win out, and if the common people will only cling together, their efforts will continue to be rewarded.

To make a long story short, we desire to appeal to each and every worker of the reform movement to buckle on their armor and prepare to face the enemy. Once downed, our cause is lost, and oppression by the enemy will be unmerciful; then let us see to it, that our friends are elected to office and that our county of Shelby will not be placed back in the hands of the old democratic rule or ruin, when the common people will not be recognized or countenanced.

In conclusion, we wish all of our readers a happy and prosperous New Year.

Read and Reflect.

The following is a correspondence from J. R. White to Dr. J. H. Gunn in regard to having a debate on the Courthouse question, but it seems that the gentleman who answered Mr. White's letter did not sign his. The following are the letters:

Columbiana, Ala., Dec. 26, 1903.
Dr. J. H. Gunn,
Chairman Calera Courthouse Committee, Calera, Ala.

Dear Sir:

Persuant to the directions of our Committee, I hereby invite you to a joint debate before the people of the County on the Courthouse Removal Question. Should you except the invitation, the dates can be arranged by mutual agreement, and I would suggest that this be done during the coming week.

Waiting your reply, I am,
Respectfully yours,
J. R. White,
Chairman Columbiana Courthouse Committee.

Calera, Ala., Jan. 2nd, 1904.
Hon. J. R. White,
Columbiana Courthouse Committee, Columbiana, Ala.

Dear Sir:

Your invitation to Dr. J. H. Gunn, as chairman of the Calera Courthouse committee to a public debate upon the Courthouse removal was duly received by him. And as it has been deemed both inexpedient and inconsistent with his judicial position as one of the commissioners of the election to accept. I have been asked to respond thereto. As I occupy no official position on the subject, my aim is, and will be to exercise the functions of a "High private in the rear ranks," and do my duty there. As a citizen of that character, I do believe that the question is old enough to stand upon its own merits without subjecting the people to the worry and annoyance incident upon the oratorical vaupings of the pros and cons, or the cross-firing of its respective partisans.

Yours truly,

FIGS AND THISTLES.

From the Ram's Horn.
Honesty is simply heart health. There are no wastes with God. Success is the test of the soul. Wanderings bring to weakness. Our own trials test our friends. There is no progress without God in front.

A good blower is not always a good striker.
Genius needs to be balanced with gentleness.
Only a man of grace can be a means of grace.

Burning ideas are not the same as scalding ones.
The hope of glory depends on the hold on Christ.

The gospel of the times is not the gospel for the times.

Qualifications of Voters in Courthouse Election.

To the Voters of Shelby County:

In order that there may be no misunderstanding in regard to the qualifications of the voters in the county seat election to be held on February 1st, we deem it proper to state in condensed form the law in reference to same.

A person to be entitled to vote in the Courthouse Election on February 1, 1904, must possess all of the following qualifications:

1. He must be over twenty-one years of age, and must have resided continuously in the State two years, in the county one year and in the precinct in which he offers to vote three months, immediately preceding the election at which he offers to vote, provided, that where he removes from one precinct to another within three months immediately preceding the election, he may vote in the precinct from which he removed, provided he could legally have voted in said precinct had he not removed.

2. He must have legally registered in Shelby county under the New Constitution of 1901.

3. He must have paid his poll tax for 1901 and 1902 (if he was liable for the poll tax of said years or either of them,) and he must have paid said poll tax on or before February 1, 1903, and he must show to the Managers of the election his poll tax receipts for said years; or make oath before the Managers that he has paid said poll tax. Any one falsely making said oath would be guilty of perjury and on conviction would be sentenced to the penitentiary.

4. The following persons are disqualified from voting in said election: All idiots and insane persons, those who were by reason of conviction of crime disqualified from voting at the time of the ratification of the Constitution on Nov. 28th, 1901; those who have been since Nov. 28th, 1901, convicted of treason, murder, arson, embezzlement, malfeasance in office, larceny, receiving stolen property, obtaining money under false pretenses, perjury, subornation of perjury, robbery, assault with intent to rob, burglary, forgery, bribery, assault and battery on wife, bigamy, living in adultery, sodomy, incest, rape, miscegenation, crime against nature, or any crime punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary, or for any infamous crime, or crimes involving moral turpitude, or convicted as a tramp, or vagrant, or of selling or offering to sell his vote, or the vote of another, or of making or offering to make false returns in any election by the people.

J. H. GUNN,
D. R. McMillan,
Board of Commissioners of County Seat Election.

Election Managers and Clerks.

We, John E. Morris, Chairman, and J. H. Gunn and D. R. McMillan, composing the Board of Commissioners of County Seat Election, hereby appoint the following persons as Inspectors, Clerks and Returning Officers to hold and conduct the election to be held in the various beats in Shelby county, on Monday, the 1st day of February, 1904, for the purpose of determining whether or not the county seat of Shelby county shall be removed from Columbiana to Calera, to-wit:

Beat 1, box 1—Managers: H. M. Millstead, J. T. Leeper, J. P. Peters; clerks: J. H. Gunn, J. H. Mooney; returning officer, R. F. Cox, Sheriff.

Beat 1, box 2—Managers: Geo. H. Avery, J. C. Williams, Frank Finch; clerks: Elmer Carter, J. H. Harrell; returning officer, E. T. Brasher.

Beat 2—Managers: Thos. R. Lovett, Hosea Pearson, G. E. Abbott; clerks: William Carden, Jr., J. M. Baldwin; returning officer, N. N. Mosteller.

Beat 3—Managers: H. C. Moss, Robt. Long, C. A. Millstead; clerks: L. G. Priett, I. W. Bailey; returning officer, C. H. Fields.

Beat 4, box 1—Managers: L. N. Bowdon, George Moore, John McMath; clerks: Alex. Root, H. E. Whitaker; returning officer, Frank Harrison.

Beat 5—Managers: LaFayette Bunn, John Harmon, J. A. Johnson; clerks: Jas. Harmon, Robert Atchison; returning officer, John Waddell.

Beat 6—Managers: C. T. Davidson, G. Mitchell, L. N. Roy; clerks: M. T. Floyd, E. F. Lee; returning officer, Daniel Lambert.

Beat 7—Managers: M. S. Wilson, J. F. McLane, Wesley Ozley; clerks: G. Thos. Fulton, L. B. Riddle; returning officer, R. C. Naish.

Beat 8—Managers: Joel Thomas, N. M. Davis, G. W. Shaw; clerks: Geo. Stone, J. B. Farrell; returning officer, T. B. Holcombe.

Beat 9—Managers: Amos Daniels, W. E. Riddle, J. Seab Jackson; clerks: W. John Weldon, T. A. Huston; returning officer, Geo. W. Taylor.

Beat 10, box 1—Managers: E. V. Caldwell, J. B. Hatcher, T. G. Florey; clerks: T. H. Borum, D. W. Kidd; returning officer, R. B. Posey.

Beat 10, box 2—Managers: Isaac Chancellor, Geo. W. Green, J. T. Glaze; clerks: Chas. Bates, A. J. Coleman; returning officer, C. A. Glaze.

Beat 11—Managers: F. M. Baldwin, W. J. Sewell, O. S. Lybrand; clerks: J. E. Adams, J. W. Moore; returning officer, J. M. Spennan.

Beat 12—Managers: Frank Miller, A. J. E. Cross, G. L. Maske; clerks: W. L. DeShazo, W. N. Gilbert; returning officer, Jas. M. Allen.

Beat 13—Managers: D. N. Lee, J. W. Farley, B. F. Dawson; clerks: A. L. DeShazo, J. M. Lee; returning officer, W. P. Cox.

Beat 14—Managers: W. J. Kendrick, J. B. Whitfield, John McMillan; clerks: Wesley Stone, H. M. Abercrombie; returning officer, W. A. Brasher.

Beat 15—Managers: W. A. Richie, R. M. Holley, B. Byers; clerks: M. C. Vick, J. R. Dyke; returning officer, Robt. Jarrett.

Beat 16—Managers: A. G. Embry, W. H. Kidd, J. E. Elliott; clerks: W. Y. Rich, W. T. Kidd; returning officer, Ed W. Bell.

Beat 17—Managers: Ollie Cost, T. J. Cross, M. P. Nabors; clerks: C. E. Leonard, Harmon Thomas; returning officer, R. G. Carter.

Beat 18—Managers: J. H. Pack, W. G. King, J. H. Dorrough; clerks: Lane Isbell, J. O. Dorrough; returning officer, W. M. Lowery.

Beat 19—Managers: Geo. F. Peter, Jno. D. Stripling, Wm. D. Lacey; clerks: W. H. Reneau, Jas. Smith; returning officer, W. E. Harrison.

Done at Columbiana, Ala., on this, the 4th day of January, 1904.
J. H. GUNN,
D. R. McMILLAN,
Board of Commissioners.

A TIP TO SOIL TILLERS.

This is the time of year when the farmer begins to make up his mind about how he will pitch his crop another year. It is the most important time of the year therefore to the farmer. We say this because a vast deal always depends upon the conclusion reached by the farmer at the time he makes up his mind about how he will divide his crop the following year.

At present cotton is bringing a fancy price. In fact the price of cotton has been fairly good throughout the present season. This has proved a great blessing thus far, provided the farmer don't by their own act turn it into a curse. This they can easily do. The fact is that the cotton farmers is by nature a "bull" on cotton all the time. He can't hardly ever reach the conclusion that cotton can go lower in price. When it is six cents he thinks it should bring eight cents and when it is eight cents he thinks it should by all means bring ten cents, and when it brings ten cents he can scarcely think of any reason why it should not bring twelve cents and when it reaches twelve cents he is certain its going to fifteen cents and just knows it can't go down.

Now right here is where the trouble is likely to come in. You can hardly meet a man who is not confident that cotton will bring a fancy price next fall. Oh yes, we all think so, and if we all act on that idea and it happens not to do so then it will be, that the present high prices, instead of being a blessing will have proved to have been a curse.

If the farmers will take the proper view of the case and act wisely they will come out away ahead of the "running mortgage" next fall. If they will resolve now that everybody is correct in supposing that cotton will command a good price next fall and take the position that very fact will enable them to devote ample time and acreage to the growing of feed stuffs in plenty for both man and beast, and plant sparingly in cotton, making what they do plant make more per acre than an average crop when seasons are favorable, then next Christmas will find them all smiling and with plenty and to spare.

The farmer who resolves to do this will come out all right regardless of the price of cotton another season, and in the event cotton commands a fancy price he will be much better off than the man who resolves to plant all cotton will find himself to be. The good Lord and boll weevil have furnished a great opportunity for the Alabama farmers and the News earnestly urges them to take advantage of the golden opportunity and get clear out of reach of the "running mortgage" one more time.

Now is the time. If cotton brings a fancy price another season a little of it will go a long ways provided you have raised your supplies and if you neglected that important item you will find that you can't get away from debt no matter if the price is fancy.

With the possibility of \$50 or \$60 per bale every farmer can afford to pitch his crops so as to make his supplies and have plenty of cotton to pay his debts and be ready to make another crop year after next without looking to the merchant for his meat, meal, corn, oats, hay, ect.

It is the candid judgment of the News that this is the time of all times that the present generation of farmers shall see for them to abandon the all cotton plan of farming, and the all credit system of feeding. Will they do it? We hope so.—Opelika Industrial News.

You couldn't get a woman to go on a north pole expedition without a low cut gown, in case she had to go to a reception there.

The best a man can do in explaining to his wife why he hasn't any love for her relatives is that she has it all.

AN ACT

To provide for holding elections on the question of changing or locating county seats.

Sec. 6.—The inspectors, clerks and returning officers thus appointed must meet at the place of holding elections in the several precincts or ward for which they are appointed, by 9 o'clock of the morning of the election, and before 10 o'clock open the several polling places, and on the failure of any inspector or clerk to attend at the hour of 9 the inspector or inspectors present shall complete the number by appointing a qualified elector in the place of each inspector or clerk so absent, every such appointment to be so made that each side shall have representation in the person of at least one inspector and one clerk, and to that end the inspector or inspectors making such appointments shall observe the recommendations of a majority of the electors present favoring the side for which such absent inspector or clerk was appointed, if they shall make such recommendations. If no inspectors are present at the hour of 9 as aforesaid, then a majority of the qualified electors then present who favor removal, shall select one inspector and a majority of the qualified electors then present who oppose removal shall select one inspector, and the two inspectors thus selected shall select a third inspector. If the returning officer is absent the inspectors shall appoint a qualified elector to serve as returning officer.

Sec. 7.—Before entering upon their duties the inspectors, clerks and returning officer, must take an oath to perform their duties pertaining to said election honestly, faithfully and impartially and according to law, which oath may be administered by any officer authorized by law to administer oaths or by any one of the inspectors.

Sec. 8.—The inspectors, before they commence receiving ballots, must cause it to be proclaimed aloud at the place of voting that the election is opened.

Sec. 9.—Each qualified elector shall be entitled to cast one ballot, and no more, which ballot must be a paper ticket on which must be written or printed the words, "For Removal to _____" or the words, "Against Removal." As the elector may desire to vote. No official ballot shall be required nor shall be rejected for the want of form if the inspectors are able to determine therefrom how the elector intended to vote.

Sec. 10.—The name of each elector whose ballot has been received must immediately be taken down by each clerk on separate lists, which shall be known as the poll lists, and the number of the order in which each elector votes must at the same time be entered by each clerk against his name, the first elector voting being numbered one, the second number two, and so on to the last elector voting, and one of the inspectors shall correctly number each ballot with the number to correspond with the number opposite the elector's name on the poll lists.

Sec. 11.—No person shall be entitled to vote in said election whose name does not appear as that of a duly registered elector on said list, unless he shall produce to the inspectors a certificate of registration showing his right to vote therein; and no person liable to poll tax shall vote in said election unless he shall produce to the inspectors the receipt of the tax collector showing that he has paid such poll tax as required by law, and no state under oath to be administered by one of the inspectors, that he has paid on or before the first day of February next preceding the election at which he offers to vote, all poll taxes due from him for the year 1903 and for each subsequent year, which statement so made under oath shall be sufficient evidence of the payment of such poll taxes. Any person who shall falsely and corruptly make such sworn statement shall be guilty of perjury.

Sec. 12.—Immediately on the closing of the polls, the inspectors must count the ballots and certify the number of votes cast "For Removal to _____" and the votes cast "Against Removal," and certify on one of the poll lists that such poll list is the poll list of the election precinct or voting place at which they were inspectors, and the day and year on which said election was held, and such statements of the votes and poll lists together with the ballots cast in said election, they shall securely seal up in an envelope or other wrapper or receptacle and label the same so as to show the precinct or ward in which said ballots were cast, and deliver the same to the returning officer, and said returning officer must, within twenty-four hours thereafter, deliver the same to the said Board of Commissioners, at the court house of the county.

Sec. 13.—The returning officer for each precinct or ward is clothed with all the powers and charged with all the duties of a peace officer under the laws of the State, while engaged in the discharge of his duties as such returning officer.

Sec. 14.—Any officer or person who shall wilfully or corruptly fail to perform any duty required of him under any of the provisions of this Act, or shall fraudulently alter or change the ballots of any elector after it has been cast, or shall make any false or fraudulent count of votes, or shall place in the receptacle for ballots any ballot not actually cast by an elector, or shall take or receive any ballot cast by an elector, with the intention of unlawfully changing or affecting the result of the election, or shall make any false poll list, or any false certificate of the ballots, or shall wrongfully open the returns from any precinct or ward, or shall change, secrete, destroy or mutilate the returns from any precinct or ward, or attempt to prevent any such return from being made as required herein, or shall commit or attempt to commit any fraudulent act in connection with the ordering of said election, or the holding of the election, or making the returns, or declaring the result thereof; and any person who votes more than once, or deposits more than one ballot as his at such election, or knowingly attempts to vote when he knows he is not entitled to vote; and any person, who, by bribery, or offering to bribe, or by any other corrupt means, attempts to influence any elector in giving his vote, or to deter him in giving the same, or to disturb, or to hinder him in the free exercise of his right of suffrage at said election; must, in every such case, on conviction, be imprisoned in the penitentiary for not less than two nor more than five years.

We have a letter from J. H. Cunningham, of Pelham, giving his reason for being against removal of the Courthouse, of which we will publish next week.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU, My Friends and Customers.

Thanking you for your liberal patronage

in the past, I wish to call your

ATTENTION TO CHANGE OF LOCATION.

On account of having been rented out of the House recently occupied, you will find me in the LESTER HOUSE near Barber Shop.

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Write For Full Information.

J. N. CORNATZAR, General Agent, Memphis, Tennessee.

Alabama State Horticultural Society.

The first annual meeting of this Society will be held at Mobile the 26 and 27th. of January 1904. The program will be full of valuable papers, to be presented by the leaders in their respective lines of work. Special sessions will be devoted to the various fruits as the strawberry, peach, grape, apple, plum and peach, and to the important subject of truck gardening. If you are interested Come. The completed program will be ready January 10th, and will be sent to all that request it. Address the Secretary, Prof. R. S. Mackintosh, Auburn, Alabama.

Reflections of a Bachelor.

From the New York Press.

Pride is first cousin to jealousy. Tie a man to a woman's apron strings and he will hang himself on them.

A woman always has an idea that the reason she doesn't understand business is because she knows how to sew so well.

Nothing makes a woman so suspicious as to have her husband give her an extra allowance when his business is keeping him at the office.

To the last day she lives a woman can never understand how a man can worry about money matters when the children are doing so well at school.

It takes more courage to admit one is afraid of his wife than to pretend not to be.

Women will know how to play whist when men know how to give the baby a bath.

Even in a restaurant a man may reveal his religion.

When life is all sport to us the devil is the hunter.

It is no use praying for the things you will not pay for.

If all men were true the world would soon be made new.

Well begun is half done; but only half done is all undone.

The Courthouse Question.

I will say a little more through the columns of the Advocate about the Courthouse. It's good enough right where it is located for the characters that it takes to run courts. Those are not the good people of our country, because if they were they would be trying to get up a pure church in the place of a Courthouse, to raise their town to a city. This would do it right now, because all the good would naturally want to get a lot in that place, for it is interest of all the good to get to gather on earth or in Heaven. Let us see if we can get up something that will come nearer harmonizing the people than this Courthouse question that the lawyers of different localities are advocating in their own interest and convenience. "This is the reason that God said, 'two into the lawyer,' and you had better put a 'wo' now or you will have all the expenses and tax of building a new Courthouse at Calera to pay. Now is the time to change, not tomorrow; decide fully in your own mind that you are going to take justice to its highest point in this matter, and in the future look after the purification of all things that are common among us. Doing right is hard to beat, and I will say to all that to change the local law system or wipe it out of your constitution and adopt the general law system again and you can see that you have done right because the whole State is governed by the same laws and all; old and young, white and black will soon know what the law is, and the consequences will be that you don't need a Courthouse so bad as they are needed under this local system. Go to your prisoners and I will say that three-fourths of the subject there or more, were found guilty under some of those local laws.

E. A. BENTLEY.

JAMES I. ABERCROMBIE,

Attorney and Counsellor at Law, COLUMBIANA, ALA. Will practice in all of the Courts.

SOCIAL AND LOCAL NEWS.

January 7th, 1904.

A Happy New Year to all.

J. S. Jackson, of Lewis, was in town Saturday.

C. T. Hughes, of Brierfield, was in town Thursday.

Will Page, of Montevallo, spent Sunday in the city.

A Stein, of Calera, was in town Friday on business.

Commissioners court is in regular session this week.

J. W. Millstead, of Wilsonville, was in the city Friday.

Sheriff Cox made a business trip to Birmingham Monday.

G. R. McEwen, of Wilsonville, was in the city Saturday.

Everything passed off quietly here during Christmas week.

Prof. S. P. Williamson, of Weldon, was in the city Saturday.

Mrs. J. P. Pearson visited relatives in Birmingham last week.

J. W. Bandy, of Montevallo, was in the city Saturday and Sunday.

E. W. Chapman, of Montevallo, was in town Monday on business.

Mrs. T. P. Lane visited friends in Talladega several days last week.

John C. Williams, of Shelby, was among the visitors in town Friday.

C. L. Meroney, of Montevallo, was among the visitors here during last week.

Walter Morrow and wife have returned from a visit to relatives at Decatur.

E. D. Hall and family moved Thursday to their new residence on Court street.

E. D. Hall moved his drug store Monday to the Lester house near the barber shop.

Horace Hammond, of Birmingham, visited relatives here a few days last week.

Miss Gertrude Roberts returned Sunday from a visit to relatives in Birmingham.

Rev. J. W. O'Hara and wife, of Wylam, visited relatives here during the holidays.

L. N. Bowdon and wife, of Montevallo, visited relatives here during the holidays.

Charlie Pearson, of Birmingham, spent Sunday in the city with relatives and friends.

E. W. Burt and family returned Saturday from a visit to relatives in North Alabama.

Mrs. H. Fox visited relatives in Chattahoochee, Tenn., during the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. W. S. Nelson, of Birmingham, visited relatives in the city a few days last week.

Miss Carrie Rowe, who is teaching school up at Creswell, visited homefolks last week.

Mrs. Myrtle Cater, of Harpersville, visited relatives in the city during the holidays.

Chester Browne, who is attending college at Auburn, spent the holidays with homefolks.

Mrs. C. L. Meroney and children, of Montevallo, visited relatives in the city last week.

Miss Maude Hobson, of Sylacauga, visited her sister, Mrs. J. P. Roberts, during the holidays.

Harry Roberts and wife returned last Thursday from a few days visit to friends at Easonville.

Miss Ethel McMath, of Montevallo, was the guest of Mrs. W. F. Davis here a few days last week.

Miss Ethel Farrington, of Montevallo, was visiting with friends in the city Friday and Saturday.

Misses Janie and Robbie Wallace, of Klein, visited their sister, Mrs. W. A. Parker, here last week.

Miss Mary Kidd, of Vincent, after spending several days with friends in the city, returned home Friday.

The Columbiana Graded School, after a two week's vacation, opened Monday morning with a full attendance.

Miss Lula Wilson, who is teaching school at Wylam, spent the holidays in the city with relatives and friends.

Miss Margaret Browne, after spending the holidays with relatives in the city, returned to Montgomery last week.

Claude Nelson, who has been working in Montevallo for some time, spent Sunday and Monday here with relatives.

Miss Lallie Tice, a teacher in the Montevallo Girl's Industrial School, spent Saturday and Sunday here with relatives.

J. W. Haygood and family, who have been visiting the family of H. W. Nelson, returned to their home in Memphis, Tenn., Saturday.

J. H. Page is in Birmingham on business.

Pierce Mason returned to Greensboro Saturday.

Dr. J. H. Gunn, of Calera, was in town Tuesday.

C. A. Glaze, of beat 10, was in town Wednesday.

W. J. Sewell, of Weldon, was in the city Saturday.

Simon Friedberger, of Catherine, Ala., is in the city.

Rev. G. T. Harris went up to Childersburg Tuesday.

Jno. E. Morris, of Saginaw, was in the city Monday.

J. P. Pearson spent a few days this week at Bridgeton.

Teachers examination was held here Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. J. W. Dykes, of Shelby, visited relatives here Monday.

Mrs. Anna Barton, of Barton, is visiting friends in the city.

J. E. Mahan, of Aldrich, was in town Monday and Tuesday.

Ed Strickland, of Wilton, spent last week here with relatives.

Miss Ora Milner, of Montgomery, is visiting relatives in the city.

J. T. Barnett and Miss Bertie Barnett are visiting in Birmingham.

Mrs. W. A. Parker spent Monday in Birmingham with relatives.

Mrs. W. A. Weaver, of Birmingham, visited relatives here this week.

In this issue of the Advocate will be found the advertisement of E. D. Hall.

Several of our young people made a flying trip to Montevallo Sunday.

Miss Georgia Thomas visited relatives at Wilsonville Sunday and Monday.

R. T. Johnson, of the Springs, was among the many visitors in town Monday.

Miss Edna Nelson, who spent the holidays at Greensboro, returned home Monday.

Mrs. A. Friedberger, of Talladega, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Max Lefkowitz.

Rev. W. I. Sinnott filled his regular appointment at the Presbyterian church Sunday.

H. S. Latham and wife, of Montevallo, visited relatives here Tuesday and Wednesday.

Sam Lefkowitz and Sam Erlick, of Bessemer, have been in the city this week on business.

Misses Driscoll, Vincent and Ethel Kidd, of Vincent, are visiting friends in the city.

Miss Mary Liles, who is teaching school near Maylene, visited homefolks during the holidays.

The Christmas tree at the Courthouse on Thursday night, Dec. 24th, was a success in every way.

Several changes have been made in the mercantile business in Columbiana in the past few days.

Mrs. T. H. Watersworth and little son John, of Biltmore, N. C. are visiting the family of J. T. Cromwell.

The Street Fair given by Weavers Carnival Co. here last week was very good and well attended by our citizens.

Commissioners Shaw, Griffin, Kendrick and Posey are in the city this week attending Commissioners court.

Master John Strickland, who has been living at Pelham for several years, has returned home to live with his parents.

Leo and Simon Friedberger have bought out the Shelby Co. Supply Co., and will conduct business at the same old stand.

W. T. O'Hara, after spending the holidays with relatives in the city, returned to Howard College at East Lake Monday.

Geo. W. McGowan died at his home in Wilsonville on December 30th, 1903. Mr. McGowan was well known in Shelby county.

The oyster supper given by the ladies of the Methodist church at the National Hotel on Tuesday night of last week, was a success.

Henry Milner, who has been clerking for J. F. Pope at Wilsonville, has returned home and is now clerking for Wm. R. A. Milner.

Misses Zemma and Clara Pitts, after spending the holidays with relatives and friends in the city, returned to Rome, Ga., Monday to assume their duties in the Shorter College.

The Piano contest at T. J. Weaver and Co's, came to a close Christmas morning at 10 o'clock. W. B. Browne, Sheriff Cox and H. M. Norris counted the diamonds in the jar, the number being 1071.

There was 574 guesses and only two parties guessed the correct number. Mrs. Ellie Christian guessed 1671 on Dec. 1st, at 3:45 P. M., and R. Z. Hill 1071 on Dec. 21st, at 1:30 P. M. Mrs. Christian was awarded the piano.

A Card.

To the citizens of Shelby county:

Having been asked by many of my friends to again become a candidate for the office I now hold, I take this method of saying, that there is no citizen of your county who appreciates the patronage and support of good loyal friends more than I, but I desire to say that I will not be a candidate again, but I pledge my earnest loyal support to the Populist ticket, and aside from the principles of the party which I will always cheerish and support, I feel that I can't do enough in return to my friends for their support in the past. Thanking you and all, and hoping to meet you in the battlefield this year for the success of our entire ticket, I am, Yours very truly, L. J. CARDEN.

Longview and Camp Branch.

The holidays are over and all have gone to work.

With this we begin our first leap year for several years past.

Christmas passed off very quietly here there were no drunken riots and but few employments that were of an exciting nature.

Tom Ozley, of Texas, who has been visiting relatives and friends here left Monday for his western home.

Richard Hale, a student of the Howard College at East Lake, spent the holidays with homefolks.

Clark Pardue, of Texas, has been here the past week with homefolks returned Monday.

Miss M. Wilson entertained quite a crowd of her friends at her home at South Camp Branch Friday night.

Misses Grace Evans and Addie Hall spent a few of the holidays with relatives and friends at Hillman, Ala.

Louis Mooney and wife, of near Columbiana, visited here last week.

Miss Mamie Jones, of the Birmingham Business College spent Christmas with her mother here.

Miss Minnie Ozley gave a nice entertainment at her home Friday night that was enjoyed by all present.

Miss Pimley Robinson is very sick at this writing.

A nice little Xmas tree was enjoyed at Jno. Nabors Christmas eve night.

There has been a great deal of visiting and changing about in fact, too much to try to tell all about this week.

"Let the court house remain unchanged," is our pass word. We are steadily gaining grounds, and we think by Feb. 1st, 1904, there will be but few Calera voters left to tell the tale.

Some preparations are being made toward farming and our people will have their hands full without building court houses and jails.

Miss Elva Spencer, of Calera, is visiting at Longview.

A prosperous New Year to all! "ELLA."

A VERY CLOSE CALL.

"I stuck to my engine, although every joint ached and every nerve was racked with pain," writes C. W. Williams, a locomotive fireman, of Burlington, Iowa. "I was weak and pale, without any appetite and all run down. As I was about to give up, I got a bottle of Electric Bitters, and after taking it, I felt as well as I ever did in my life."

Weak, sickly, run down people always gain new life, strength and vigor from their use. Try them. Satisfaction guaranteed by Williams Bros., Price 50c.

Grover Liles is in the city visiting relatives.

D. C. Nickerson and Marion Roy, of Siluria, were in the city Wednesday.

Mrs. A. H. Weaver and Mrs. Charlie Brooks visited relatives at Calera during the holidays.

Miss Emma Tinney, of this city, and Matt England were married in Calera one day last week. Miss Emma had been cashier for the Columbiana Mercantile Co. for several months, and was well liked by all of our citizens.

WONDERFUL NERVE.

Is displayed by many a man enduring pains of accidental Cuts, Wounds, Bruises, Burns, Scalds, Sore feet or stiff joints. But there's no need for it. Bucklen's Arnica Salve will kill the pain and cure the trouble. It's the best Salve on earth for Piles, 25c, at Williams Bros., Druggist.

What worries a girl almost to death is what people think about the things they ought not to think about.

DOMESTIC TROUBLES.

It is exceptional to find a family where there are no domestic ruptures occasionally, but these can be lessened by having Dr. King's New Life Pills around. Much trouble they save by their great work in Stomach and Liver troubles. They not only relieve you, but cure. 25c, at Williams Bros., Drug Store.

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Vincent.

Happy new year to all.

Prof. Richardson spent the holidays with homefolks at Deatsville.

Miss Loula Reynolds spent Xmas at her home in Goodwater.

Miss Bama Chandler visited friends in Atlanta during Xmas.

D. H. Wilder and family spent the holidays on Yellow Leaf and at Pelham.

Miss Loula Elliott, who has been with her aunt in Talladega, is at home.

Miss Rosa Eldridge, of Texas, is with relatives in the vicinity after several years absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Nat Wood spent a few days last week with relatives in Birmingham.

Within the next few days Gorman and Co. will move into the new brick store of Geo. Holmes, and W. H. Kidd will open a drug store in the building vacated by the former.

Dr. Penn's son and family, who have not been with him in several years visited him Xmas.

"Josiah's Courtship" a lively dramatic comedy was rendered at the school building on the night of Dec. 23rd, by home talent to a crowded house and everybody present pronounced it the best thing of the kind ever had in Vincent, and as a mark of its success and appreciation the players are receiving urgent pleas for its repetition which will likely be given in a few days. Let every one who can come to it and help a good cause.

At one o'clock P. M., Dec. 24th, at the residence of the bride's parents there occurred a beautiful home wedding when Mr. Perry Maberry, of Talladega county, and Miss Abbie Boothe were happily united in the Holy bonds of matrimony. The name of the officiating clergyman we did not learn. Miss Abbie is one of Vincent's prettiest and sweetest girls, and the groom is to be congratulated on winning such an estimable young lady as a life companion. Our best wishes go with them for a happy and prosperous journey through life.

Amongst the many visitors to our town during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Stocum, Misses Rosa Lide and Mattie Creswell, Edgar Kidd, Miss Ella Lewis, of Birmingham, Mrs. J. S. Pitts and children, Osceola Bird and Jim Robertson, of Columbiana, Misses Daisy and Louie Phillips and Fannie Hatcher, of Sylacauga, Mrs. Zemma Means, of Trussville, O. S. Landham, of Atmore, G. C. Pitts, of Brewton, and Misses Emma and Hattie Bentley and Annie Kidd, of the Judson College, Mae Chandler and Etta Jennings, of the Montevallo school, also Misses Zemma and Clara Pitts, of the Shorter College, and Miss Nellie Kidd, who is teaching at Pratt City. So you see Vincent is a live place Xmas times.

The old year 1903 is now in the history of the past, and we enter upon a new year, and it is hoped that every good citizen will endeavor to do more for himself and his country than ever before, and let every body look well to the interest of our beloved State and last but not least, to old Shelby by keeping the Courthouse in Columbiana by an overwhelming majority on February 1st, 1904.

SALLIE GAL.

DISLOCATED HER SHOULDER.

Mrs. Johanna Soderholm, of Fergus Falls, Minn., fell and dislocated her shoulder. She had a surgeon to get it back in place as soon as possible, but it was quite sore and pained her very much. Her son mentioned that he had seen Chamberlain's Pain Balm advertised for sprains and soreness, and she asked him to buy her a bottle of it, which he did. It quickly relieved her and enabled her to sleep which she had not done for several days. The son was so much pleased with the relief it gave his mother that he has since recommended it to many others. For sale by Williams Bros.

It is not living but marrying beyond one's means that does the mischief.

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The peculiar cough which indicates croup, is usually well known to the mothers of croupy children. No time should be lost in the treatment of it, and for this purpose no medicine has received more universal approval than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Do not waste valuable time in experimenting with untried remedies, no matter how highly they may be recommended, but give this medicine as directed and all symptoms of croup will quickly disappear. For sale by Williams Bros.

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A substitute for vasoline or mustard or any other plaster, and will not blister the most delicate skin. The pain-alleviating and curative qualities of this article are wonderful. It will stop the toothache at once, and relieve headache and sciatica. We recommend it as the best and safest external remedy for pains in the chest and stomach, neuralgic and rheumatic and gouty complaints. A trial will prove what we claim for it, and it will be found to be invaluable in the household. Many people say "Fishes best of all our preparations." Price is 10c. at all druggists or other dealers, or by sending this amount to postage stamps to them. We send you the best quality of the same article, and label, as other wise it is not genuine.

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CONSUMPTION

A WONDERFUL INSECT.

Firefly Which Does Away With Need of Gas Light.

Have you ever heard of the cucujo? If you are one of those unfortunates who are in the habit of grumbling at gas bills you will wish that the place was swarming with cucujos, so that the gas companies might be circumvented. The cucujo is the firefly of the tropics, and is the most radiant of the whole tribe of light-giving insects or animals. Thirty-eight of them yield one candle-power.

Photographs have been printed by two minute exposure of bromide plates to their illumination. People in Cuba confine them in paper lanterns for going about the country at night or for indoor lighting. Sometimes they attach one of the insects to each foot for traveling in the dark to serve as a guide to the path. Also they use them as ornaments for the dress and hair.

Cucujos are beetles beginning life as grubs. Skipjacks, or springtails, they are sometimes called, because when placed on their backs they jump over with a clicking sound.

A small species of the same family is found in Florida and Texas. They have two luminous spots on the thorax and another on the abdomen. Damp evenings are most favorable to the light-giving, the object of which is presumably to attract a mate. The young larvae feed largely on snails, to which their bite is poisonous. The luminous organs are developed before the insects leave the eggs.

Now, the theory formerly held was that these fireflies stored up light in the day time for emission at night, as is done by the so-called luminous paint of calcium sulphide. But it was found that they shone as brightly as ever after being confined for ten days in darkness. Some that were carried from Cuba to Havre in the pitch black hold of a vessel were brilliant on their arrival.

A more striking disproof, however, was afforded by a batch of larvae hatched in the dark from eggs laid in the dark in a piece of rotten wood, the young insects being kept in darkness for the first six months of their lives. They shone as brilliantly as any of the other fireflies.—Philadelphia Record.

Heart Disease and Mental Worry.

The influence of mental emotion on the heartbeat needs no special proof in our everyday experiences. When the organ is healthy the palpitation is the ordinary response to an extra stimulus and is necessarily transient in duration. In confirmed cardiac disease in which the valves are damaged or the heart walls dilated and weakened there is often great danger to life by over exertion, either physical or mental. It is the degree and continuance of excitement which thus work so disastrously.—New York Herald.

I do not believe Piso's Cure for Consumption has unequal for coughs and colds.—JOHN F. BOYER, Trinity Springs, Ind., Feb. 15, 1900.

Women laugh when they are in love for the same reason that towards whistle—to keep up their courage.

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Your poor weaned wife losing sleep night after night nursing the little one suffering from that night feed for children and horror to parents, croup, should have a bottle of Taylor's Cherry Remedy of Sweet Gum and Mullein, an undoubted croup preventive and cure for coughs, colds and consumption.

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Utah was the appropriate place for holding the recent irrigation congress.

That is where the irrigation movement first began in this country. Sixty-six years ago Brigham Young dug a ditch and induced the clear waters of city creek to irrigate the alkaline soil of the Land of Desert, which now blooms and blossoms like the rose.

Coughing

"I was given up to die with quick consumption. I then began to use Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. I improved at once, and am now in perfect health."—Chas. E. Hartman, Gibbstown, N. Y.

It's too risky, playing with your cough.

The first thing you know it will be down deep in your lungs and the play will be over. Begin early with Ayer's Cherry Pectoral and stop the cough.

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Consult your doctor. If he says take it, then do as he says. If he tells you not to take it, then don't take it. He knows. Leave it with him. We are willing.

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If you do, write or come to see Dr. G. W. Randolph, who is the most successful voice teacher in the world. He cured hundreds of stammerers in Birmingham and Montgomery three years ago. He is indorsed by all leading papers. He will be at Belmont hotel, Birmingham, 19th street, until February 1st. He cures many by mail who cannot come in person.

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Mrs. P. Brunzel, wife of P. Brunzel, stock dealer, residence 3111 Grand Ave., Everett, Wash., says: "For fifteen years I suffered with terrible pain in my back. I did not know what it was to enjoy a night's rest and arose in the morning feeling tired and unrefreshed. My suffering sometimes was simply insupportable. When I finished the first box of Doan's Kidney Pills I felt like a different woman. I continued until I had taken five boxes."

Doan's Kidney Pills act very effectively, very promptly, relieve the aching pains and all other annoying difficulties.

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His Fears Realized.

A lad of Snid, Okla., in the geography class, was deeply interested in learning the points of the compass. Said the teacher: "You have in front of you the north, on your right the east and on your left the west. What have you behind you?"

After a few moments' reflection Charlie exclaimed: "A patch on my pants."

And to make the information more binding Charlie continued in a shamefaced manner: "I knew you'd see it; I told mamma you would."—New York Tribune.

May Build National Theatre.

A Breslau journal announces that Gerhart Hauptmann has a plan of building a national theatre, a La Dairenth, at Schreiberhaue, in the Giant Mountains, where every summer about fifteen or twenty performances of German plays could be given.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and this condition can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be restored forever. Nine cases out of ten are cured by our method, which is not a cure but a permanent cure. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of deafness cured by our method. Write for circulars free. F. J. Cusack & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 70c.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Wealth of South Africa.

The numerous islands of Patagonia archipelago are covered with evergreen forests capable of supplying immense quantities of valuable timber, while the mountain ranges, being of the same geological formation as those of Chile and Peru are probably rich in mineral resources.

Want of Accuracy.

It is singular how much trouble is caused by the want of attention to detail. One day a man in Pittsburgh received a telegram from a friend who contemplated a visit to the city which read: "Meet me on the arrival of the train from Washington." It looks simple enough, but the man who received it wrote: "Funny, wasn't it? Why did he not go and meet his friend?" "The train from Washington," said the man. "What train? What railroad? Day or night train? What day? What blowing idlers there are in the world."

An exceptional case? Possibly. Here is another: A woman was going from Pittsburgh to Memphis. She wrote to her sister in Memphis: "We will leave here Thursday morning and stay over night at Louisville with grandfather. Will leave there on Saturday morning and arrive at your home Friday evening."

The sister at Memphis wrote back that the sister in Pittsburgh had things a little mixed. Luckily there was time to straighten out the snarl before the journey was undertaken, or the Pittsburgh woman would have arrived in a strange city with no one to meet her and direct her where to go.—Pittsburgh Times.

Army Remount Stations.

Members of the general staff of the army are considering the establishment of remount depots, where all horses and mules for use in the service may be received and trained before sent to various posts. The necessity for such depots has been urged by officers for some time, and Quarter-master-General Humphrey, and by other officers. Great breeding farms, where the government might carry on experiments in the raising of horses suited to the service, have been suggested, but this plan would require a large appropriation, and is not seriously considered. The general staff will doubtless agree on the location of several remount depots and give the proposed system for handling horses a trial. As most of the horses used by the army are supplied by the middle West, the depots will doubtless be in the Mississippi valley.

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1,000 splendid Onions,
1,000 rare, luscious Radishes,
1,000 gloriously brilliant Flowers.

The great offer is made in order to induce you to try their warranted seeds—for when you once plant them you will grow no others, and

ALL FOR BUT 10c. POSTAGE, providing you will return this notice, and if you will send them 25c. in postage, they will add to the above a package of the famous Berliner Cauldower. (A.C.C.)

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Combination of Fish, Alligator and Bat Found.

Throws the Old Sea Serpent Into the Shade—Gigantic Survivor of Prehistoric Ages is Over Sixty-five Feet Long, and Equally at Home in Air or Sea.

Salt Lake, Utah.—A terrible, nameless, unclassified creature of the animal world is exciting the curiosity, wonder and fear of occasional visitors to Stansbury Island, in the southern portion of Great Salt Lake.

This monster, so strange and unnatural in appearance, has lately, it is said, been seen by several persons, but the best account of its characteristics and movement is given by Martin Gilbert and John Barry, two hunters who this week returned from an expedition over the island, in the course of which they studied the habits of this hitherto unheard of creature for three days.

The monster, which appears to be almost equally at home in the air, on the beach, or submerged in the briny waters of Salt Lake, is probably the sole survivor of a prehistoric species. It is doubtless the last representative of a family whose other members, dead ages since, have left the testimony of their existence in the primeval rocks of the mountains.

Arranging in concise form the description of this incredible relic of the animal world, from the accounts given by those who have observed it at close range, it seems in plain, unscientific language, a combination of fish, alligator, and bat.

DESCRIPTION OF THE BEAST.

In size it is simply tremendous. Gilbert places its length at sixty feet, while Barry, who is an amateur scientist, says that an examination of its tracks demonstrates that the monster must be sixty-five feet from head to tail.

The head is like that of an alligator, the eyes fiercely glowing, the jaws, capable of opening to a distance of ten feet from the top of the upper to the lower, are provided with a fearful array of sharp saw-edged teeth; the body, so far as observation goes, is encased with heavy horny scales. As to this Gilbert and Barry are not positive, as the constant diving of the beast, if such it may be called, into the strong brine of the lake has incrustated it with a thick coating of salt, which, save near the wings, completely hides the body.

According to their account they first sighted it at a distance of between one and a half and two miles. The day was clear, the sun intensely bright, Gilbert's own words of the discovery are:

"We were walking westward from the east shore of the island about 9 o'clock in the morning, when suddenly to the northwest there appeared a Thing, I don't know what to call it; it looked to me like a brilliant rainbow folded into a compact mass, moving rapidly toward the air."

"I was so astounded that for a few moments I doubted the evidence of my own senses. The object came nearer, but the colors were so dazzling that it was some time before it assumed definite form. No one who has not witnessed the sight can conceive its strangeness. The mass of color was glowing, flaming, radiant. I spoke to Barry, saying:

"For God's sake, man can you see that?" and he was no less astonished than myself.

"In three or four minutes the monster's position was such that it no longer reflected the sunlight directly toward us, and we could then discern the outline of the form. Its wings were batlike, stretching out over a great expanse, I should say at least one hundred feet from tip to tip. The tail was proportionately short and resembled that of a huge fish. We were not close enough at this time to tell much about the head, only we saw that the jaws were very long. In shape the head was like that of a crocodile."

Gilbert gave a long account of how he and Barry watched the monster, which supported its enormous wings, swinging round and round in immense circles through the air, gradually descending and approaching nearer to them. He declares that it was not more than 300 yards above their heads, when, now convinced that the awful creature was about to attack them, he fired at the monster with his rifle, a 44-calibre gun loaded with a steel-cased bullet.

The missile, he believes, struck fair, but inflicted no apparent wound. The monster gave utterance to a strange, fear-inspiring cry, half snarl, half roar, and rising rapidly in the air, veered quickly to the west, and after three miles of flight settled down and disappeared beyond the crest of the hills.

BULLET HAD NO EFFECT.

A few seconds after the shot was fired, while the hunters were watching the flight of the dragon-like beast, some small lumps of salt fell almost at their feet. They were more than ever mystified by this, but not until the next day were they able to ascertain its source.

Determined to learn more of the monster, Gilbert and Barry hastened in the direction of its flight, and after surmounting the range of hills to the westward, found with little trouble the tracks the beast had left in the soil after ceasing its flight. These led the hunters to an immense cave, near the head of a narrow gulch.

They approached to within three rods of the opening in the rocks, but finding that the freshest footprints led into the gloomy cavern feared at that time to make any closer inspection.

"These tracks," said Barry, "were five-toed, almost exactly like the imprint of a gigantic hand, if you can imagine a hand nearly four feet across the palm."

Gilbert and Barry constructed a barricade for themselves of the largest rocks they were able to handle and lay down to await the results.

The day wore on and the men were weary and almost despairing of success in their vigil, when, just at dusk, the horrible creature crawled slowly from the cave, and, gawping at its

mouth to take flight, gave them their first view at close range.

Barry says that the hackneyed phrase of exaggeration, "made his blood run cold," is none too strong for the sight they saw.

"The monster slowly moved his great jaws," declared the hunter, in speaking of his experience, "until it seemed as if he could have swallowed a large horse at one mouthful. He gave a snort that might have been heard a mile, and then slowly spread his huge wings. We now saw that the huge body was coated with salt, apparently nearly a foot in thickness. This explained why the salt lumps dropped at our feet when the bullet struck the monster. By this we knew that the creature must spend much of its time in the waters of the lake."

"The great beast made a short run before taking flight, taking long jumps upon its hind legs and tail. The forelegs were comparatively short, and appeared to be used only when it crawled flat upon the ground."

"The frightful head was not more than ten feet from us when it rose in the air, but so well were we screened by our shelter of rocks that we were unobserved. The large, fiercely gleaming eyes, the sharp, serrated teeth, the wide expanse of wings that began to move rapidly as the horrible beast rose from the ground and passed directly over our heads, combined to make a terrible sight—one that I shall never forget."

"We watched it disappear in the gathering gloom of night, but were for a long time paralyzed with fear, not knowing when it might return. It was probably an hour later when it did come back."

"We heard the swish of the mighty wings before it could be seen, but as it drew nearer, by the light of the young moon in the west, we saw that carried in its great jaws was a large horse, which I suppose it had swooped down upon while feeding. The horse was badly crushed and mangled."

FEASTED ON THE HORSE.

"The monster carried its burden into the cave and we could hear the crunching of its jaws and the cracking of the horse's bones as the beast devoured its victim. After an hour or so all was still and we then slipped quietly away in the darkness and returned to our camp on the eastern shore of the island."

"Had it not been for a bad break in our boat we would have fed the island that night. As it was we worked all night to repair the craft, although the task might have been accomplished in two hours except that we feared to build a fire to afford light."

"It was just dawn and we were preparing to launch, when Gilbert said: 'There it comes again!' In an instant we turned the boat bottom up and crawled under it. One end was lifted about a foot above the end by a rock, and we were able to watch the monster's actions."

"It settled down on the beach less than fifty yards to the north and dived quickly into the lake. From its actions while nearly buried under the waves I judged that the creature was gathering and feeding upon the salt water shrimps which abound along the coast there. When the monster came up it was very close to us, and we were particularly impressed by the fact that the strong brine had no effect upon its eyes, which appeared lidless. Evidently the animal's food in the water was found by the sense of sight."

"Although of such gigantic size, there was nothing sluggish in the movements of the monster. It swam and dived as rapidly as any large fish."

"We watched it for perhaps half an hour as it gradually worked its way northward and finally disappeared."—Philadelphia Record.

How the British Museum Was Started.

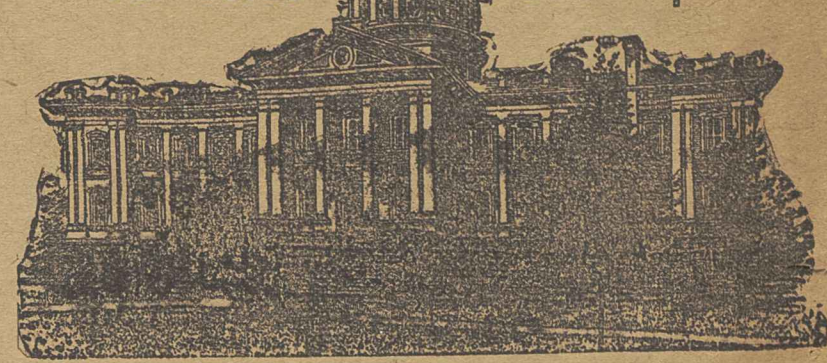
An observer recalls the interesting circumstances of the establishment of the British Museum. The funds for the institution were raised by a lottery, which was authorized in 1753 by an act of Parliament, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord Chancellor, and the Speaker being the managers and trustees, each to receive £100 as an honorarium. The amount of the lottery is said to have been a million and a half dollars (£300,000), which was raised by £3 tickets, to provide £200,000 for prizes, varying in value from £10,000 to £10, and £100,000 for the purchase of the Museum's nucleus—the Stone collection, the Harleian Library; also to provide cases for the acquisitions and to meet other expenses. It will be remembered that the lottery became notorious through the activities of a certain Peter Lecheup, who shrewdly cornered the tickets and had them sold at a premium. Lecheup was afterwards prosecuted for breach of trust and fined £1000, which could not have troubled him much, as his profits from the deal were £40,000.—Harper's Weekly.

Tying Horses to Holes.

If you were traveling in the desert—just an ordinary California, New Mexico or Arizona desert—how would you tether your horse at night, there being not a bit of wood within 100 miles, and the Fitzhugh Lee patent tether having been left behind? Tie the lariat to your left leg, or to your wrist, eh? That has been done many a time by travelers completely exhausted by the heat, and in the midst of a deep sleep the animals, crazed for water, have galloped madly away, dragging their human anchors to destruction and death. The desert Indians, half-witted nortals, tie their steeds to holes in the ground. First, they dig the holes with their hands, which are like dog's paws, making the bottom larger than the top. Then they tie an immense knot on the end of the halter-rope, lower it into the hole and pack sand around it with their feet until it is about as hard as sandstone. How does that appeal to the inventive Yankee genius?

GOVERNOR OF OREGON

Uses Pe-ru-na in His Family For Colds and Grip.



CAPITOL BUILDING, SALEM, OREGON.

A Letter From The Governor of Oregon.

Peruna is known from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Letters of congratulation and commendation testifying to the merits of Peruna as a cathartic remedy are pouring in from every State in the Union. Dr. Hartman is receiving hundreds of such letters daily. All classes write these letters, from the highest to the lowest.

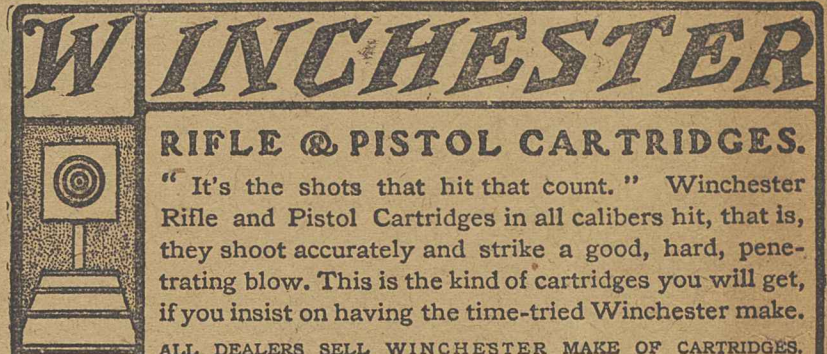
The outdoor laborer, the indoor artisan, the clerk, the editor, the statesman, the preacher—all agree that Peruna is the cathartic remedy of the age. The stage and rostrum, recognizing catarrh as their great enemy, are especially enthusiastic in their praise and testimony.

Any man who wishes perfect health must be entirely free from catarrh. Catarrh is well nigh universal; almost omnipresent. Peruna is the only absolute safeguard known. A cold is the beginning of catarrh. To prevent colds, to cure colds, is to cheat catarrh out of its victims. Peruna not only cures catarrh, but prevents it. Every household should be supplied with this great remedy for coughs, colds and so forth.

The Governor of Oregon is an ardent admirer of Peruna. He keeps it continually in the house. In a recent letter to Dr. Hartman he says:

"I will be noticed that the Governor says he has not had occasion to use Peruna for other ailments. The reason for this is, most other ailments begin with a cold. Using Peruna to promptly cure colds, he protects his family against other ailments. This is exactly what every other family in the United States should do. Keep Peruna in the house. Use it for coughs, colds, in grippes, and other ailments of winter, and there will be no other ailments in the house. Such families should provide themselves with a copy of Dr. Hartman's free book, entitled 'Winter Catarrh.' Address Dr. Hartman, Columbus, Ohio.

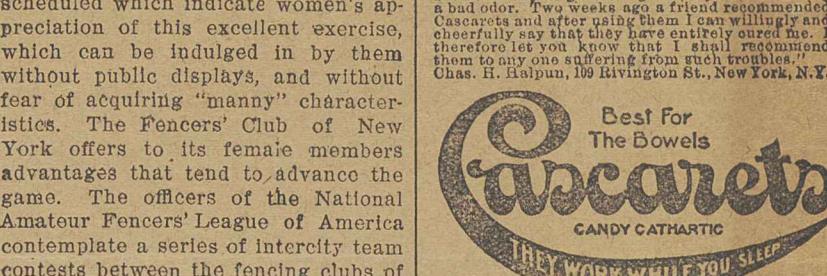
Ask Your Druggist for a free Peruna Almanac for 1904.



Popularity of Fencing.

Fencing among women promises to achieve a popularity this season never accorded the sport before by the fair devotees. Many competitions are scheduled which indicate women's appreciation of this excellent exercise, which can be indulged in by them without public displays, and without fear of acquiring "mannish" characteristics. The Fencers' Club of New York offers to its female members advantages that tend to advance the game. The officers of the National Amateur Fencers' League of America contemplate a series of intercity team contests between the fencing clubs of New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Washington. The intercollegiate fencing championship will probably be held at the New York Athletic Club toward the end of the season. Little work has been done as yet in the college fencing clubs, but after Thanksgiving the series of college dual matches will begin. Columbia, Cornell, Yale, Harvard, University of Pennsylvania, West Point and Annapolis will all take an active part in the college fencing affairs this season.—H. P. Burchell, in Leslie's Weekly.

A cargo of 11,511 tons of Virginia coal is loading for Japan.



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Pineapple Indictments Quashed; New Trial Ordered.

At the special term of the circuit court which has been in session and which resulted in the indictment of five white men at Pineapple, Ala., under the charges of arson and murder came to an abrupt termination Saturday.

Attorneys for the defense moved to quash the indictment on the ground that J. M. Williams had been drawn as a grand juror but that his brother J. E. Williams had served.

After hearing the arguments on the question Judge Moore ordered the indictments quashed and adjourned the special term.

He then immediately gave notice of the holding of another special term Monday morning and ordered the sheriff to hold the prisoners to await the action of the jury then to be empaneled.

The new grand jury will be drawn Monday to report Wednesday. L. E. Jeffries has been retained by Pineapple citizens to assist Solicitor Quarles in the prosecution.

The New Chief.

Major-general Adna R. Chaffee was sworn in Saturday as chief of the general staff. The formal ceremony took place in the presence of Secretary of War Root. Gen. Chaffee has the distinction of having risen from the ranks since 1861.

During the period he led the American forces in the advance on Peking, he made a favorable showing in comparison with the best soldiers of the great armies represented. Then he was given command of the army in the Philippines. Here he had trouble with Governor Taft and in view of the fact that the latter is about to become secretary of war the differences between the two are being discussed with much interest in army circles. Gen. Chaffee and Governor Taft could not agree as to the location of the line dividing the civil and military authority in the islands. The dispute was carried up to the president, and he sent a peremptory message directing them to reach an agreement without delay. They did, but it is understood that relations between the two still remain strained.

A Sealed Verdict.

The fate of Harry Newton, the Elmore county murderer, has been settled by a jury of his peers and returned to the court at Wetumpka, Ala., sealed.

The trial of Newton has been one of the most notable ever held in Elmore county. He was charged with the murder of Samuel Lacey on October 13th last and the details of this murder as published were so horrible as to shock the entire community. He was recently pardoned for a murder at Tuscaloosa in 1897.

Murderous Assault.

Martin J. Coniff, with headquarters now at Laurel, Miss., was assaulted in a saloon at Bessemer, Ala., and so badly injured that there is grave doubt as to his recovery.

The deed was done by Taylor Smith, a mulatto barkeeper employed by the saloon, and the act was evidently committed for the purpose of robbery, as Mr. Coniff had shown considerable money while around the saloon. Mr. Coniff's skull is fractured.

Eleven minority stockholders of the Southern Steamship company, Mobile, Ala., have filed a petition for a receiver for the company, alleging conspiracy to transfer their rights to the United Fruit company.

Francis Wayland, LL. D., formerly dean of the Yale law school and professor of English constitutional law is dead.

A Stove Factory.

It is reported that a wealthy syndicate contemplates building at Tuscaloosa, Ala., a mammoth by-product plant which will give employment to several hundred persons. The plant will be one of the most up-to-date to be found anywhere and will make a specialty of high grade stoves.

Immense Coal Trade.

"Alabama coal has monopolized the New Orleans market."

Every day not less than 25,000 tons of coal are being shipped from this district to the various gulf points. The one-time monopoly of the New Orleans port by Pittsburg coal has been broken entirely. That field is not sending one ton a day to the Crescent City.

On this account, it is claimed, the Pittsburg Coal company is making its extensive purchases in Walker county.

The Southern railway is sending 2,000 tons daily via the tippie at Greenville, where it is barged on the Mississippi river to New Orleans.

West Virginia Coal.

West Virginia is pushing Illinois for second place in the list of coal producing states. Here is her output record:

1873 672,000 gross tons
1883 2,235,000 gross tons
1893 10,708,000 gross tons
1903 28,000,000 gross tons

The United States navy is using the product of the mines of this state wherever it may be in the line of service.

In Railroad History: 5,700 Miles of New Track.

Complete statistics show the year just closed to have been an eventful one in the history of American railroads. During 1903 and 1902 railroad mergers had been carried through on an unprecedented scale. The result was that in the matter of railroad consolidations 1903 proved a far less important year than either 1901 or 1902.

About 5,700 miles of new railroad were constructed in the United States in 1903 or about 175 more than was built in 1902. Most of the new mileage represented extensions and new branches. If the extension of the Wabash into Pittsburg is excepted there was no parallel railroad building during the year. The most important single piece of work accomplished was the Southern Pacific 40-mile cut-off across Great Salt Lake.

Never in the career of railroads were rates better maintained than in 1903. The railroads in every section of the country had all the traffic they could possibly handle and there was no incentive to the cutting of rates.

In the matter of gross receipts the railroads broke all previous records in 1903, having made an increase of something like \$150,000,000 over the figures of 1902. In the matter of net earnings, however, the roads did not make quite so favorable a showing. The increase in wages and the increase in the cost of practically all materials that enter into operation and maintenance increased operating expenses heavily and reduced net earnings.

In a financial way the Pennsylvania far outstripped all the other roads. Early in the year it sold \$75,000,000 of new stock for \$90,000,000. This was followed by the sale of over \$100,000,000 of stocks and bonds on the subsidiary properties.

John Kopman, the Birmingham boy who was hurt by being shot about Christmas time by a little girl in a tussle for the possession of a gun, and who was supposed to have been fatally hurt, is now said by his physicians to be on the road to recovery.

The city council of Bessemer, Ala., have decided to issue \$35,000 in bonds to build school houses.

Blanche Bois, a follower of Carrie Nation, with an ax smashed the large picture of "Custer's Last Charge" hanging in the state capitol at Topeka, Kans., last Saturday. Her objection was that under the picture was a line explaining that the painting had been donated by a beer firm. Miss Bois was arrested and taken to jail.

A canning factory for molasses is to be started at Collins, Miss.

The commerce of the Hawaiian Islands for 1903 is given at 26 million dollars of exports and 14 million of imports. On imports, over 10 million dollars is stated as from the United States.

Gen. George Gillespie, who has been since May 1st, 1901, chief of engineers, succeeded Gen. Chaffee as assistant chief of staff with the rank of major general. This is the first time that an engineer officer has been in the line of supreme command of the army in eighty years.

Chas. Scott, president of the Interstate Mississippi River Improvement and Levee association, has appointed a committee with Governor Heard of Louisiana as chairman to prepare a memorial for congress.

Representative Wiley, of Alabama, says that he thinks Senator Morgan is wrong in opposing the Panama canal treaty.

A mimic naval warfare is to be part of the practice off Pensacola by the vessels assembled there.

Nine miles of the Alabama Central railway between Booth station on the Mobile and Ohio railroad and Autauga county have been graded. This line goes through a pine and hardwood section.

Work will soon commence on the \$150,000 federal building at Anniston, Alabama.

Election Trouble.

The climax to a sensational municipal election at Memphis, Tenn., came when twenty-five men broke into the ninth ward polling place, where the count was in progress, with drawn revolvers and began firing.

During the excitement the lights were extinguished, the ballot box seized, burst open and the ballots burned.

One man was shot in the hand and a stray bullet struck another man, inflicting a slight wound.

Maryland has 60,000 negroes 25,000 of whom are said to be illiterate.

Coal Mine Figures.

Fifty-seven men lost their lives in and around coal mines in Alabama in 1903. According to the report of State Mine Inspector Gray, nineteen of these were white men and thirty-eight colored. Only one man lost his life last year from gas explosion.

About one million more tons of coal were produced in 1903 than during the previous year. It is estimated the production for the past year will aggregate 12,000,000 tons.

Postal Service Shows Large Increase in 1903

Postmaster General H. C. Payne has submitted his annual report, which is in part as follows:

Ordinary postal revenue, 1902, \$119,958,229.40; 1903, \$131,984,535.

Receipts from money order business, 1902, \$1,889,817.86; 1903, \$2,239,908.24.

Total receipts from all sources, 1902, \$121,848,047.26; 1903, \$134,224,443.24.

Total expenditures for the year 1902, \$124,785,697.07; 1903, \$138,784,487.97.

Excess of expenditures over receipts, 1902, \$2,937,649.81; 1903, \$4,560,044.73.

An increase in the deficit over the previous year of \$1,622,394.92, which is, however, \$1,042,183 less than the estimated deficit for the year.

At the close of the last fiscal year there were 20,613 star routes, the length of which was 249,364 miles, and the cost \$6,614,999.95 per annum.

In Hawaii there were ninety-one routes, aggregating 14,770 miles in length, costing \$96,243.38 per annum.

In Porto Rico at the close of last year there were forty-nine routes of all kinds, the total length of which was 3,498 miles, at a cost of \$80,203.03.

The demand for stamps in book form continues very large, the increase in the number issued last year being 2,735,966 books, 38.58 per cent over the previous year.

There were 4,462 postoffices discontinued during the year, being 403 more than during the preceding year.

The principal cause for the large increase in the number of postoffices discontinued has been the extension of the rural free delivery service, which resulted in the discontinuance of 2,163 postoffices during the year, the salaries of postmasters of said offices aggregating \$121,332.

On June 30, 1903, at the close of the fiscal year, there were 74,163 postoffices in the United States.

Anent the investigation of postoffice affairs the report concludes:

"The investigation has resulted in a complete reorganization of some of the bureaus of the department, and it is hoped has eradicated all dishonest, irregular and criminal practices which the investigation has developed as having been in existence for several years.

"I can not too strongly commend the zeal, vigor and fidelity which has been shown by the fourth assistant postmaster general, who has been in immediate charge, and the inspectors who have been detailed to assist him in the investigation."

The vanguard of the Italian colony which is to be located near Mobile, Ala., has arrived. A tract of land comprising 6,700 acres is to be settled. Bee culture and dairying will be the principal industries.

C. C. Buchanan, of Pulaski, Tenn., was accidentally shot at Birmingham by the dropping of a pistol. The wound is serious but not fatal.

J. M. Ragan is confirmed as postmaster at Anniston, Ala.

After several months' idleness over 4,000 men have returned to work at the South Sharan, Pa. mills.

T. D. Kline, general manager of the Central of Georgia, died Sunday morning very suddenly.

Examination has been completed of the books of the agricultural schools at Evergreen, Sylacauga, Abbeville and Jackson and they are pronounced correct.

Senator W. I. Bullock, of Russellville, Ala., died Sunday in a Memphis, Tenn., hospital.

James Thomas, aged 29, a trimmer employed by the Knoxville, Tenn., Electric Light and Power company, was instantly killed while trimming a street lamp.

The Tradesman's twenty-fifth annual number is a magazine of 268 pages and full of industrial news and data.

After retiring from office Governor Longino, of Mississippi, will resume law practice at Greenville, Miss., and also devote considerable time to looking after his planting interests in the delta.

The Stickland Machine company has secured near Tuscaloosa, Ala., a twenty-eight year lease on several acres of land where they will erect at an early date a well equipped machine and foundry plant.

M. J. Coniff, who was murderously assaulted at Bessemer Thursday night, died Saturday from his wounds.

Reports are current of a smoking volcano in Kentucky.

Earnings of the Suez canal were \$259,000 more than in 1902, notwithstanding the reduction of 10 cents per ton during the year. In six months the deficit has been reduced from \$550,000 to \$152,970.

Charles Foster, of Fostoria, Ohio, former governor of Ohio, and former secretary of the treasurer, has been stricken with cerebral paralysis.

At Brookside, Ala., Saturday fire destroyed three residences.

Famous Confederate Leader Passes Over the River.

Lieutenant General John Brown Gordon died at his winter home near Miami, Fla., Saturday. The fatal illness which overtook him Wednesday was congestion of the stomach and liver, following an acute attack of indigestion.

Gen. Gordon was born in Upson county, Georgia, July 6, 1832, of Scotch ancestry, which had a prominent part in the revolutionary war, graduated from the Georgia university in 1852, and a few months later was admitted to the practice of law. Early in 1861, he enlisted in the volunteer Confederate service, and was elected captain of his company.

He rose rapidly by promotion to be lieutenant-colonel of the Sixth Alabama infantry in December 1861. In May 1864, he was promoted to be major-general and took part in the important battles which marked the closing scenes of the civil war.

When hostilities were ended he called his men about him and advised them to bear the trial of defeat, to go home in peace, obey the laws and rebuild the wasted country.

He has taken a prominent part in the councils of his party since 1866. He was a candidate for governor of Georgia in 1868, and in 1873 and 1879 was elected to the United States senate. Resigning this position in 1880, he participated actively in building the Georgia-Pacific railroad.

In 1886 and 1888 he was elected governor of Georgia, and in 1890 again entered the United States senate for the full term. Since his retirement from political activity he has devoted much of his time to lecturing.

Since the organization of the United Confederate Veterans he has held the position of its commander-in-chief, and his frequent re-elections to that position have testified to the warmth of affection in which he has been held in the south.

General Stephen D. Lee has succeeded to the command of the United Confederate Veterans.

Definite arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made, but the remains will lie in state in Atlanta and the funeral will be held in the Georgia house of representatives.

Railroad War Ended.

The railroad war which has been waged for months near Knoxville, Tenn., between the Southern and the Louisville and Nashville roads, has been brought to an end by a compromise that will result in eight junctions held by the roads against each other being dismissed.

All disputed cases are covered in this withdrawal except a valuable right of way in South Knoxville, which is now in the hands of the United States circuit court of appeals in Cincinnati.

United States Senator Dietrich has been released from custody. The presiding judge instructed the jury to bring in a verdict of not guilty and the district attorney entered a nolle prosequere in the other cases against the senator.

Tuesday the national democratic committee meets in Washington to decide on the place and date for holding the national convention.

It is reported from St. Petersburg that the Russian government intends to equip the Trans-Siberian railroad with a double track.

There was a fire in the new court house at Anniston, Ala., Friday, but it was confined to one room and did little damage.

The rainfall of 1903 was 52 inches, 4 inches above the average. The first half of the year was wet, and the last half dry.

A franchise has been granted for an electric line between Opelika and Auburn, Ala.

Seven big furnaces in the Pittsburg district will go into blast this week.

Japan has bought another cruiser.

The Union Springs, Ala., Ice and Cold Storage company has been organized. Its plant will cost \$7,000.

Guntersville, Ala., is negotiating for the establishment of a tannery and harness factory.

Three of the government vessels at Pensacola were ordered to Guantanamo, Cuba, last Saturday.

About \$1,000,000 will be spent in improvements on the Tampa, Fla., electric light plant.

It is said that Korea will appeal to the United States in case of Russian or Japanese invasion.

Lieutenant General S. M. B. Young retired Saturday.

In Porto Rico.

The last session of the second biennial legislature of Porto Rico is open. Governor Hunt's message will be read on Tuesday.

The better class has assured the house of representatives that it will support the measure for a loan of \$5,000,000 for the farmers.

The Americans in the council are opposing the measures on the ground of economy, and the house threatens retaliation by killing all the American measures, including the general ap

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

JANUARY 5TH.

Practically the entire session of the senate was devoted to a speech by Mr. Lodge on the isthmian situation. He discussed the abstract question of the right of the president to recognize the independence of a new nation, and concluded that such a prerogative pertains exclusively to the office of the chief executive.

He also contended that there had been a general expectation of an uprising in Panama, in case of the failure of the Hay-Herran treaty, and declared that the president could not have done less than inform himself of the prospect. Mr. Lodge argued that our intervention in Panama had been only in the interest of peace and contended that the president had not gone a step beyond what the proprieties called for.

Senator Gorman introduced a resolution that the president be requested if not in his judgment incompatible with the public interest to inform the senate of the circumstances under which the United States intervened with a military force in the internal affairs of New Grenada or Colombia and of kindred matters. Mr. Hale introduced a resolution requiring the commissioners of the District of Columbia to report the conditions of theaters in Washington. It was agreed to without debate.

The privileged resolution proposed by Mr. Hale, of Virginia, providing for an investigation of certain statements in the Bristol postoffice report reflecting on the membership of the house, was referred.

The naval appropriation bill was taken up by the house committee on naval affairs. Rear Admiral Taylor, chief of the bureau of navigation, urged that 30,000 additional enlisted men be provided for the navy, this number being necessary to man the new naval ships. He added that on account of the new system of target practice invented by Lieutenant Sims, the efficiency of the men behind the guns had been greatly increased during the past year.

JANUARY 6TH.

When the senate met Wednesday Mr. Morgan's resolution declaring that the president has no power to declare war was read, but at his request it went over for the day.

Alleged irregularities in the postoffice department constituted the only theme for discussion. The question came up on a motion first made by Mr. Lodge, and afterwards by Mr. Penrose to refer the Carmack resolution looking to a senatorial investigation of the postoffice department to the committee on postoffices and postroads.

The democratic members resisted the motion and contended that the country would not be satisfied with an investigation of a department made by the department itself.

An agreement was reached to postpone further discussion until Friday night, and at 2:45 p. m. the senate adjourned.

The only measure considered in the house was a bill introduced by the delegate from Hawaii to ratify an act of the Hawaiian legislature authorizing the manufacture and distribution of electric light and power on the island of Oahu, territory of Hawaii. Owing to the objection made to the bill in the form presented, it was recommitted to the committee on territories and the house at 2:15 adjourned.

JANUARY 7TH.

Mr. Morgan occupied the time of the senate in a reply to the speech of Mr. Lodge, delivered Tuesday. Mr. Morgan again criticized the president and the attitude of this government in connection with the Panama republic. He introduced numerous newspaper extracts to bear out his contention that the revolution was assisted by officers and citizens of the United States.

Mr. Morgan said that if the United States should withdraw from the isthmus Colombia would quickly drive out the few revolutionists and their supporters.

Mr. Morgan in opening said he proposed to have the ayes and nays on various propositions advanced in his resolution; that the debate on the resolution had not controverted any of these propositions, nor had the debate been directed to any question touching upon the merits of the resolution.

The senate in executive session ordered the printing of the testimonial introduced before the military affairs committee in the investigation of charges against the confirmation of Brigadier General Wood to be major general. The brief made by Senator Foraker, setting forth the views of the majority, also will be printed.

The senate decided not to make the documents public.

Representative Burnett, of Alabama, favorably reported from the public lands committee the bill turning over about 90,000 acres of the public lands of Alabama to the common school system of the state. The bill is amended so as to protect certain settlers who homesteaded through mistake.

A prominent democratic senator said: "Study on the engineering features of the Panama route have convinced me that no one now living will ever see a canal constructed by that route."

THE UNIVERSAL TARGET.

Speak kindly to the millionaire;

Perhaps he does his best,
Don't try to drive him to despair
With rude, unfeeling jest.
Don't laugh at portraits which display
His face with comely leer,
And when he gives his wealth away
Don't take it with a sneer.

Speak kindly to the millionaire,
He has a right to live
And feel the sun and breathe the air
And keep his coin or give.
You may be rich yourself, you say,
Before your life is through
Speak kindly, and remember he
Is human, just like you.

—Washington Star.

HUMOROUS.

He—Indeed, she has a face that would turn any man's head. She—What way?—Yonkers Statesman.

The maid—I always go to church on Easter Sunday. The man—To pray? The maid—Well, to watch and pray.—Puck.

Judge (sarcasmically)—Did you ever earn a dollar in your life? Vagrant—Oh, yes; I voted for your honor once!—Puck.

"What is your objection to him, papa?" "Why, the fellow can't make enough money to support you." "But neither can you."—Life.

How long will it take to make this monument to my husband?" "Oh, about two months, ma'am." "But I may not want it then."—Life.

"Are you going to church?" they asked. "No," she answered regretfully; "it's too rainy to wear my new gown."—Chicago Evening Post.

"Did you get a late supper after the theatre last night?" "Hardly. It was so long coming that I considered it an early breakfast."—Washington Free Press.

"Why ain't you at school, little boy?" "I stayed away on account of sickness, sir." "And who is sick, if I may ask?" "The trustee officer, sir."—Puck.

"I love the very ground"—began the up-to-date lover. "The very ground I walk on?" queried the maiden. "No; the very ground your automobile covers." "Archibald, I am thine."—Baltimore Herald.

"Has he a high opinion of his own work?" "By comparison only." "How is that?" "Well, he concedes that he is only moderately good, but he rather insinuates that all others are not even that."—Chicago Evening Post.

"I'll take the biggest piece you've got, please," said Willie to the hostess, who had asked him to have some cake. "Why, Willie," exclaimed his mother, in dismay. "Well, ma, you told me not to ask for a second piece."—Philadelphia Press.

Gladys—If Mrs. Playfair is so happy with her husband, why is she getting a divorce? Elsie—Because she dreads the facts of their prosaic agreement coming out in the society papers. It would be such a scandal, you know.—Brooklyn Life.

Cholly Horse—How are you getting along with your suit for Miss Roxley's hand? Percy Vere—Oh, I'm making progress. Cholly Horse—I thought her father kicked you out every time you called. Percy Vere—Yes, but he does not kick me quite as hard as he used to.—Philadelphia Ledger.

The New Republic.

The new republic of Panama comprises the Isthmus of Panama, with many islands. It has an area of 32,380 square miles. It is, therefore, nearly the size of the state of Maine, which has an area of 33,040 square miles, and is somewhat larger than Indian Territory, which has an area of 31,400 square miles, and South Carolina, which has 30,570 square miles. It is larger than New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut, which cover 81,365 square miles. It is about as large as West Virginia and New Jersey, which combined have an area of 32,605 square miles. Its population is about 285,000.

The capital of Panama is the city of Panama, which has a population of about 35,000. It is a bishop's see and has a handsome cathedral and five other churches, a charity hospital and a normal and several private schools sustained by the government. One newspaper is published daily, in Spanish and English. The surrounding country is fertile, but the city has but little trade. The city of Panama is situated on a tongue of land which extends some distance out to sea. The harbor is safe for small vessels; large vessels cannot approach nearer than three miles from shore, and are unloaded by lighters.—Philadelphia Record.

The Latest Freak Organization.

The Fish club is the third of the unusual clubs organized in Melrose Park, Chicago. The first was organized about three years ago. It was known as the Fowl club. The members ate nothing save fowls for six months. The second was organized two years ago. It was called the Pig club. The members ate no meat save pork for six months. Now comes the Fish club. Its 21 members have adopted the name of some fish, and their true names are forgotten for the time being, and they address one another by those they have adopted. Hence it is not unusual for a lobster to meet a shark on the streets of Melrose Park. If a member violates the rules of the club and eats meat of any sort he is subjected to a fine. If he does not wish to pay he can retire from the club. All are placed upon their honor.

No less than 111 officers of the British army have qualified as interpreters in the Russian language, 83 of whom belong to the Indian service.

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COUNTY DIRECTORY.

REPRESENTATIVE.

E. S. Lyman.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Circuit Judge—John Pelham.
Circuit Solicitor—C. C. Whitson.
Circuit Clerk—John P. Pearson.
Sheriff—R. F. Cox.
Terms of Court—Eleventh Monday
after the fourth Monday in
January and July, and may
continue four weeks.

CHANCERY COURT.

Chancellor—R. B. Kelly.
Register in Chancery—J. R. White.
Terms of Court—First Thursdays
after second Mondays in
March and September.

COUNTY COURT.

County Judge—A. P. Longshore.
County Clerk—John P. Pearson.
County Solicitor—W. R. Oliver.
Terms of Court—Third Mondays
in February, May, August and
November.
Probate Court—Second Monday in
each month.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

Probate Judge—A. P. Longshore.
Clerk—John P. Pearson.
Sheriff—R. F. Cox.
Treasurer—L. J. Carden.
Supt. of Education—J. B. Farrell.
Tax Collector—J. H. Robertson.
Tax Assessor—John S. Pitts.
County Surveyors—A. P. R. Dahl,
H. M. Abercrombie.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

First District—L. R. Kendrick.
Second District—R. J. Griffin.
Third District—Pleasant Shaw.
Fourth District—R. B. Posey.
Terms of Court—First Mondays in
January, April, July and Oc-
tober. Special Terms—Sec-
ond Mondays in May and July
and first Mondays in June.

The Courthouse question will
soon be a thing of the past.

Pay your poll tax so you can
vote in the November election.

Talk is cheap, but it takes mon-
ey to build an eighty thousand
dollar Courthouse.

Pay your poll tax before Feb-
ruary 1st. This is a very impor-
tant matter.

If you don't want to be disfran-
chised you had better pay your
poll tax before February 1st.

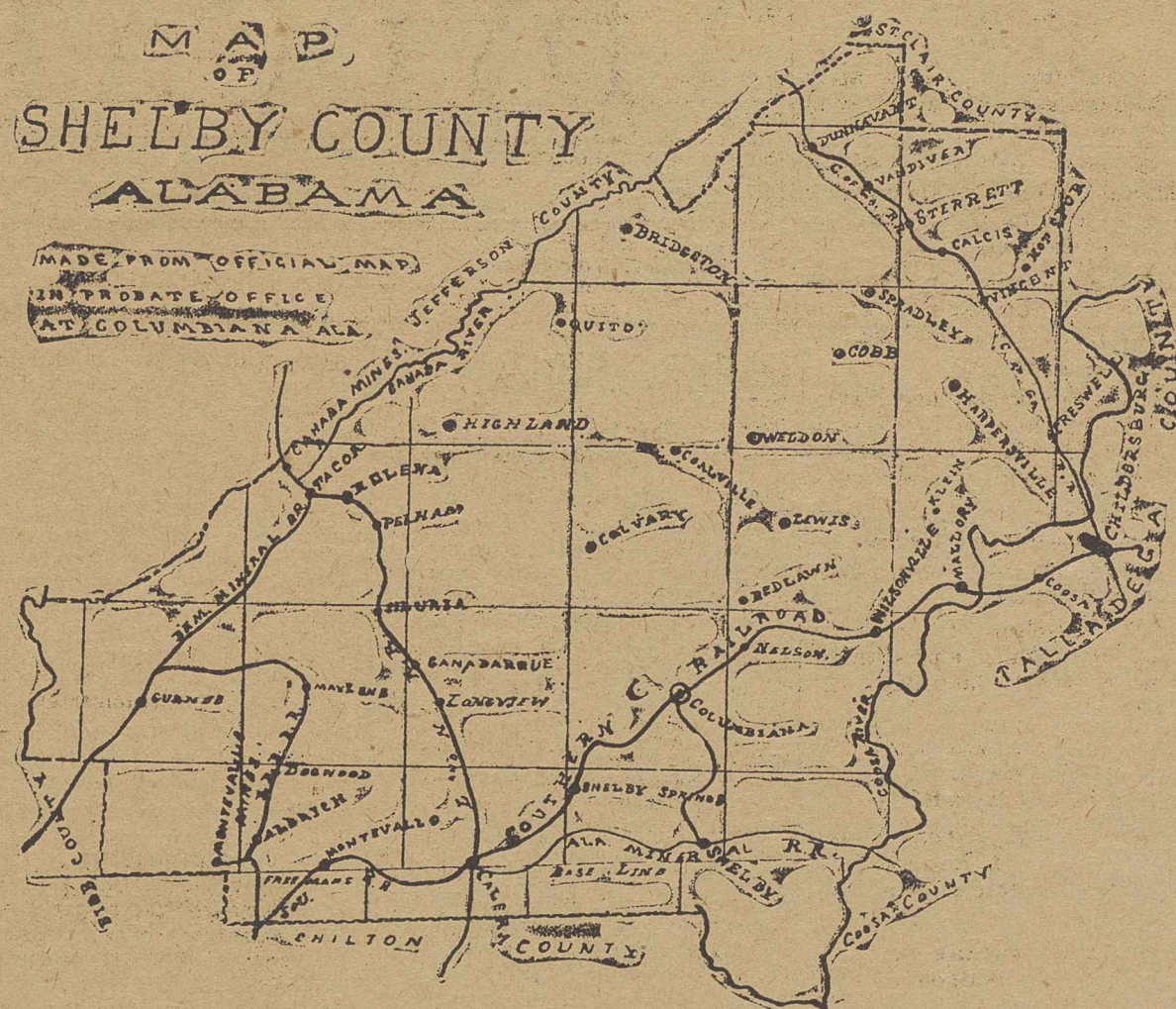
After the first Monday in Feb-
ruary you will see the Courthouse
still in Columbiana for all time to
come.

In this issue of the Advocate
we print a letter from Mr. J. H.
Cunningham of Pelham, Ala., to
Hon. W. B. Browne, in which he
gives many strong reasons why the
Courthouse should remain at Co-
lumbiana. Mr. Cunningham is an
intelligent man and his opinions
should be weighed carefully.

We publish this week a map of
Shelby county, showing the loca-
tion of Columbiana and Calera.
As will be seen, Calera is situated
within two miles of Chilton coun-
ty, while Columbiana is as near
the center of the county as it can
be to be on a railroad. We ask
every reader of the Advocate to
carefully examine this map and
see if there is a single substantial
reason for moving the county seat
to Calera.

The Calera News published last
week a cut of what purported to
be the new Courthouse at Dade-
ville, and stated that it was built
at a cost of twelve thousand dol-
lars. The Chairman of our Court-
house committee, Mr. J. R. White,
in order to find out the truth,
wrote to Judge Harlan in reference
to the matter, and in another col-
umn will be found a letter from
Judge Harlan to Mr. J. R. White,
which shows that the News was
trying to dupe and deceive the
voters of Shelby county, and make
them believe a falsehood. As will
be seen from the letter, there was
no new Courthouse built; the old
one was simply repaired and it
cost twenty thousand dollars to do
that.

It's always a cold day for an
office-holder when he gets fired.



An Open Letter.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 21st, 1903.
Hon. W. B. Browne,
Columbiana, Alabama.

My Dear Sir:

You will no doubt remember a
conversation we had on the streets
of Columbiana today a week ago
relative to the Courthouse ques-
tion which is attracting so much
attention from the voters and tax-
payers of Shelby county.

Briefly I stated to you that I was
opposed to the building of a
Courthouse at Calera and also at
Calera, but I did not have time
then to explain to you why I op-
posed the building of these Court-
houses, but I will now state to you
my reason for opposing their being
built.

Taking into consideration the
geographical situation of the coun-
ty with its various railroad facili-
ties, I believe Columbiana is as
well located as any place in the
county as we could possibly have a
Courthouse, besides we have a
Courthouse and a jail there, which
with a very small expenditure of
money, will answer all necessary
purposes as long as any of us now
living will need either.

If we build a Courthouse at
Calera and one at Calera, they will
cost the taxpayers from sixty to
seventy five thousand dollars, be-
sides the loss of the value of the
present Courthouse and jail at Co-
lumbiana, and what are the bene-
fits? And who will be the benefi-
ciaries? And what are the prima-
ria purposes of the ones who want
the new Courthouse? It is for the
individual interest of both Calera
and Calera, and to get rid of the
OLD COURTHOUSE RING AT COLUMBI-
ANA. Now I know that Columbi-
ana, Calera and Calera all have at
stake individual interest in which
I don't intend to take any interest,
but as a citizen and small taxpay-
er, I am decidedly opposed to voting
this unnecessary tax upon the tax-
payers of the county. It will not
only cost the taxpayers the amount
named above—sixty or seventy-five
thousand dollars—but the interest
on that amount for twenty or thirty
years, which will make it cost
the county from ninety to one
hundred thousand dollars by the
time it is over and paid up in full.
If the people of the county are
tired of the old Courthouse ring at
Columbiana—if there be such—I
believe the better plan would be
to elect new officers and not to build
new Courthouses, for that ring
could very easily follow up the
Courthouses, and still be in the
same position it is at present.

I expect to be at my home near
Pelham after this, and shall do all
I can to prevent the building of
new Courthouses, and prevent un-
necessary taxation for building
same.

I trust the voters of the county
will give this matter due and prop-
er consideration, and be governed
by business, rather than political,
sentimental or personal interest.

Yours truly,
J. H. CUNNINGHAM.

"Of what good would public
loans be to me, I have no security
to give," remarked a man to the
writer. Much good, even if he did
not borrow. If too poor to borrow
he would not be too poor to be a
lender. If the government did the
banking business he would be a
banker. With the interest received
the government could make public
improvements, build railroads, etc.,
ect. He would be part owner of
these. But couldn't a poor man get
a loan? Certainly he could if he
was known to be industrious and
honest. The government could safely
loan him money to buy a home,
or machinery, taking a lien on the
property thus purchased. The man
that is now paying rent or working
at much less than he could earn if
he owned machinery, could meet
the low interest the government
would charge and pay some on the
principal each year, and still spend
as much for living expenses as he
does now.—Missouri World.

From Judge Harlan.

OFFICE OF
Judge of Probate,
J. J. HARLAN, Judge.
Dadeville, Ala., Jan. 8, 1904.

Mr. J. R. White,
Columbiana, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

I take pleasure in answering
yours of the 6th, inst. Yes, we have
built a Court House, not entirely
new, for we had one that was well
built some years ago, and the busi-
ness had grown until we did not
have room. We saved apart of the
old one, viz: The end walls were
torn down almost to the ground,
(on account of changing windows,
etc.) The side walls were preserved
only, they were cut through below
and above to get halls. The frame
work of the roof was left, only it
is covered with slate as all the
building is. We made good room on
each side the building, have fire-
proof vaults for the Probate office,
Register in Chancery, and Clerk.
Have large grand jury room, two
jury rooms, witness room, room for
ladies, these are all in upper story
on level with Court room. There
was in the contract furniture for
Court room (\$1000.00), tower 98
feet high, clock in tower \$800.00
Water works on simple plan, by
wind mill in well to supply water
to tank for two urinals in build-
ing. We paid \$20,000.00

Very Truly,
J. J. Harlan.

Call for County Convention.

Resolved, That the Chairman and
Secretary are hereby authorized
and instructed to issue the follow-
ing call for a County Convention to
be held at Calera on the 13th day
of February, 1904 at 3 P. M. for
the purpose of selecting and elect-
ing 8 delegates to represent Shelby
county at the Republican State
Convention and 8 delegates to rep-
resent Shelby county at the fourth
Congressional District Republican
Convention to be held at Calera on
the 23rd, day of February; to se-
lect and elect a County Chairman
and a County Executive Commit-
tee; and provide for the nomination of
county officers and to transact all
business that may properly come
before it.

Resolved, That precinct or beat
meetings shall be held on Monday
February first at the time and place
designated by the regular precinct
or beat chairman. All registered
and duly qualified elector who fa-
vor republican principles, and who
will support our nominees and the
action of the County Convention, are
invited to participate and no
others shall be allowed to take part.
If there is no beat chairman or
if no call is made in any precinct
or beat, then any qualified republi-
cans and those that will act with
them in the future may hold a meet-
ing at the usual polling place in
the beat, between the hours of 8 A.
M. and 5 P. M. on Monday the first
day of February and then and
there elect the number of delegates
apportioned to that beat or precinct
to the County Convention to be
held at Calera on the 13th day of
February.

Resolved, That the Chairman or Sec-
retary of the beat or precinct meet-
ing shall immediately on the ad-
journment of said meeting notify
A. F. Hutchings Secretary Aldrich,
Ala., of the place of meeting, the
number of those that participated
therein, the names of those that
were selected as delegates, and of
any other business that was trans-
acted; to facilitate the making up
of the temporary roll of the County
Convention.

Resolved, The number of dele-
gates shall be 45 and divided as
follows: For each polling box that

Qualifications of Voters
in Courthouse Election.

To the Voters of Shelby County:

In order that there may be no
misunderstanding in regard to the
qualifications of the voters in the
county seat election to be held on
February 1st, we deem it proper to
state in condensed form the law in
reference to same.

A person to be entitled to vote
in the Courthouse Election on Feb-
ruary 1, 1904, must possess all of
the following qualifications:

1. He must be over twenty-one
years of age, and must have resid-
ed continuously in the State two
years, in the county one year and
in the precinct in which he offers
to vote three months, immediately
preceding the election at which he
offers to vote, provided, that where
he removes from one precinct to
another within three months im-
mediately preceding the election,
he may vote in the precinct from
which he removed, provided he
could legally have voted in said
precinct had he not removed.

2. He must have legally regis-
tered in Shelby county under the
New Constitution of 1901.

3. He must have paid his poll
tax for 1901 and 1902 (if he was
liable for the poll tax of said years
or either of them,) and he must
have paid said poll tax on or be-
fore February 1, 1903, and he must
show to the Managers of the elec-
tion his poll tax receipts for said
years; or make oath before the
Managers that he has paid said
poll tax. Any one falsely making
said oath would be guilty of per-
jury and on conviction would be
sentenced to the penitentiary.

4. The following persons are
disqualified from voting in said
election: All idiots and insane
persons, those who were by reason
of conviction of crime disqualified
from voting at the time of the rat-
ification of the Constitution on
Nov. 28th, 1901; those who have
been since Nov. 28th, 1901, con-
victed of treason, murder, arson,
embezzlement, malfeasance in of-
fice, larceny, receiving stolen prop-
erty, obtaining money under false
pretenses, perjury, subornation of
perjury, robbery, assault with in-
tent to rob, burglary, forgery, bri-
bery, assault and battery on wife,
bigamy, living in adultery, sodomy,
incest, rape, miscegenation, crime
against nature, or any crime pun-
ishable by imprisonment in the
penitentiary, or for any infamous
crime, or crimes involving moral
turpitude, or convicted as a tramp,
or vagrant, or of selling or offering
to sell his vote, or the vote of an-
other, or of making or offering to
make false returns in any election
by the people.

J. N. MORRIS, Chairman.
J. H. GUNN,
D. R. McMillan,
Board of Commissioners of County
Seat Election.

cast one hundred or more votes for
McKinley and Roosevelt in 1900,
shall have four delegates for each
polling box that cast fifty or more
votes, shall be entitled to two dele-
gates, for each remaining beat one
delegate, and also one delegate for
the new beat No. 19, as follows:
Beat 1 box 1; Beat 1 box 2; Beat
3; Beat 4; Beat 9; Beat 10, box 2;
each have four delegates.
Beats 6-7 14-15 16-18 each, have
two delegates.
Beats 2-5-8-10-box 2-11-12-13-17
and 19; one delegate each.

Resolved, That the removal of
the Courthouse or the non-removal
of the same is not and shall not be
made a party question by the Re-
publicans of Shelby County.

We hereby issue the above call.
PLEASANT SHAW, Chairman.
A. F. HUTCHINGS, Secy.

"The nicest and pleasantest medi-
cine I have used for indigestion and
constipation is Chamberlain's Stom-
ach and Liver Tablets," says Melard
F. Craig, of Middlegrove, N. Y. "They
work like a charm and do not gripe or
have any unpleasant effect." For sale
by Williams Bros.

AN ACT

To provide for holding elections
on the question of changing or lo-
cating county seats.

Sec. 6.—The inspectors, clerks and
returning officers thus appointed must
meet at the place of holding elections
in the several precincts or ward for
which they are appointed, by 9 o'clock
of the morning of the election, and be-
fore 10 o'clock open the several polling
places, and on the failure of any in-
spector or clerk to attend at the hour
of 9 the inspector or inspectors pres-
ent shall complete the number by ap-
pointing a qualified elector in the
place of each inspector or clerk so ab-
sent, every such appointment, to be so
made that each side shall have repre-
sentation in the person of at least one
inspector and one clerk, and to that
end the inspector or inspectors mak-
ing such appointments shall observe
the recommendations of a majority of
the electors present favoring the side
for which such absent inspector or
clerk was appointed, if they shall make
such recommendations. If no inspector
or is present at the hour of 9 as afore-
said, then a majority of the qualified
electors then present who favor re-
moval, shall select one inspector and
a majority of the qualified electors
then present who oppose removal
shall select one inspector, and the two
inspectors thus selected shall select a
third inspector. If the returning offi-
cer is absent the inspectors shall ap-
point a qualified elector to serve as
returning officer.

Sec. 7.—Before entering upon their
duties the inspectors, clerks and re-
turning officer, must take an oath to
perform their duties pertaining to
said election honestly, faithfully and
impartially and according to law,
which oath may be administered by
any other authorized by law to ad-
minister oaths or by any one of the
inspectors.

Sec. 8.—The inspectors, before they
commence receiving ballots, must
cause it to be proclaimed aloud at the
place of voting that the election is
opened.

Sec. 9.—Each qualified elector shall
be entitled to cast one ballot, and no
more, which ballot must be a paper
ticket on which must be written or
printed the words, "For Removal to
" or the words, "Against
Removal," as the elector may desire to
vote. No official ballot shall be re-
quired nor shall be rejected for the want
of form if the inspectors are able to
determine therefrom how the elector
intended to vote.

Sec. 10.—The name of each elector
whose ballot has been received must
immediately be taken down by each
clerk on separate lists, which shall be
known as the poll list; and the num-
ber of the order in which each elector
votes must at the same time be entered
by each clerk against his name, the
first elector voting being numbered
one, the second elector two, and so
on to the last elector voting, and one
of the inspectors shall correctly num-
ber each ballot with the number to
correspond with the number opposite
the elector's name on the poll lists.

Sec. 11.—No person shall be en-
titled to vote in said election whose
name does not appear on the poll list
of a duly registered elector on said list,
unless he shall produce to the inspectors
a certificate of registration showing
his right to vote therein; and no per-
son liable to poll tax shall vote in said
election unless he shall produce to the
inspectors the receipt of the tax col-
lector showing that he has paid such
poll tax as required by law or shall
state under oath to be administered
by one of the inspectors, that he has
paid on or before the first day of Feb-
ruary next preceding the election at
which he offers to vote, all poll taxes
due from him for the year 1901 and for
each subsequent year, which state-
ment so made under oath shall be suf-
ficient evidence of the payment of such
poll taxes. Any person who shall false-
ly and corruptly make such sworn
statement shall be guilty of perjury.

Sec. 12.—Immediately on the clos-
ing of the polls, the inspectors must
count the ballots and certify the num-
ber of votes cast "For Removal to
" and the votes cast "Against
Removal," and certify on one of the
poll lists that such poll list is the poll
list of the election precinct or voting
place at which they were inspectors
and the day and year on which said
election was held, and such statements
of the votes and poll lists together
with the ballot box shall be sealed up
and shall be securely sealed up in an en-
velope or other wrapper or receptacle
and label the same so as to show the
precinct or ward in which said ballots
were cast, and deliver the same to the
returning officer, and said returning
officer must, within twenty-four hours
thereafter, deliver the same to the said
Board of Commissioners, at the court
house of the county.

Sec. 15.—The returning officer for
each precinct or ward is clothed with
all the powers and charged with all
the duties of a peace officer under the
laws of the State, while engaged in the
discharge of his duties as such return-
ing officer.

Sec. 18.—Any officer or person who
shall wilfully or corruptly fail to per-
form any duty required of him under
any of the provisions of this Act; or
shall fraudulently alter or change the
ballots of any elector after it has been
cast; or shall make any false or fraud-
ulent count of votes; or shall place in
the receptacle for ballots any ballot
not actually cast by an elector; or
shall take therefrom any ballot cast by
an elector; with the intention of un-
lawfully changing or affecting the re-
sult of the election; or shall make any
false poll list, or any false certificate of
the ballots; or shall wrongfully
open the returns from any precinct
ward; or shall change, secrete, de-
stroy or mutilate the returns from
any precinct or ward, or attempt to
prevent any such return from being
made as required herein; or shall com-
mit or attempt to commit any fraudu-
lent act in connection with the order-
ing of said election, or the holding of
the election, or making the returns, or
declaring the result thereof; and any
person who votes more than once, or
deposits more than one ballot as his
at such election, or knowingly at-
tempts to vote when he knows he is
not entitled to vote; and any person,
who, by bribery, or offering to bribe,
or by any other corrupt means, at-
tempts to influence any elector in
giving his vote, or to deter him in
giving the same, or to disturb, or to
hinder him in the free exercise of his
right of suffrage at said election; must,
in every such case, on conviction,
be imprisoned in the penitentiary
for not less than two nor more
than five years.

JAMES I. ABERCROMBIE,
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Alabama State Horticultural
Society.

The first annual meeting of this
Society will be held at Mobile the
26 and 27th of January 1904. The
program will be full of valuable
papers, to be presented by the lead-
ers in their respective lines of
work. Special sessions will be de-
voted to the various fruits as the
strawberry, peach, grape, apple,
plum and pecan, and to the impor-
tant subject of truck gardening. If
you are interested come. The com-
pleted program will be ready Jan-
uary 10th, and will be sent to all
that request it. Address the Sec-
retary, Prof. R. S. Mackintosh, Au-
burn, Alabama.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a Fi. Fa. issued from
the Circuit Court of Shelby county
and to me directed, I will proceed to
sell in front of the Court House door,
in the town of Columbiana, Ala., on
the 15th day of February, 1904, within
the legal hours of sale, to the highest
bidder for cash, all the right, title and
interest S. H. Wallace has in and to
the following described property,
to-wit:

Half of sw qr and sw qr of sw qr,
sec. 21, tp. 20, range 2 east; sw qr of
ne qr and ne qr of ne qr and se qr of
ne qr, sec. 28, tp. 20, range 2 east; w
half of nw qr and nw qr of sw qr, sec.
28, tp. 20, range 2 east; nw qr of se qr
and ne qr of sw qr and nw qr of sw qr,
sec. 9, tp. 20, range 2 east.

Levied upon as the property of
S. H. Wallace, to satisfy said Fi. Fa. in
my hands in favor of Birmingham
Grain Company.

This 12th day of January, 1904.

R. F. COX, Sheriff.

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Order for County Seat Election.

The State of Alabama, Shelby Co.

Five Hundred or more of the qual-
ified electors of said county, having
petitioned the Governor praying that
an election be held in said county on
the question of removing the County
Seat from Columbiana to Calera in
said county; and the Governor having
appointed the undersigned as the
Board of Commissioners of County
Seat Election, as provided by law: It
is hereby ordered that an Election be
held at the usual voting places in
said County by the qualified electors
thereof, on Monday, the 1st day of
February, 1904, between the hours of
9 A. M. and 5 P. M., on the question
of such removal, at which election the
elector who desires that the County
Seat shall remain at Columbiana shall
have written or printed on his ballot
the words: "Against Removal"; and
the elector who desires that the
County Seat shall be removed to Cal-
era shall have written or printed on his
ballot the words: "For Removal to
Calera."

Done this, the 30th day of Novem-
ber, 1903.
J. N. MORRIS, Chairman.
J. H. GUNN,
D. R. McMillan,
The Board of Commissioners of
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R. F. COX, Sheriff.

THE PEOPLE'S ADVOCATE

SOCIAL AND LOCAL NEWS.

See Sheriff's sales in this issue.

The Street Fair people have all gone.

B. F. Gunn, of Shelby, was in town Friday.

E. S. Lyman, Montevallo, was in town Friday.

J. T. Porter, of Calera, was in town Monday.

R. H. Long, of Calera, was in town Saturday.

Geo. Bird is spending a few days in Birmingham.

Frank Jackson, of Shelby, was in town Monday.

J. R. Dyke, of Sterrett, was in the city Monday.

C. C. Elliott, of Vincent, was in the city Tuesday.

There was quite a crowd in town Saturday trading.

County court will convene on February the 21st.

J. H. Robertson has been on the sick list this week.

P. T. Pitts, of Childersburg, was in the city Monday.

J. H. Mason went to Wilsonville Tuesday on business.

Prof. J. W. Stone, of Calvary, was in town Saturday.

W. P. Thomas is again working for Williams Brothers.

Columbiana has one among the best schools in the state.

C. B. Duran was among friends here Friday and Saturday.

W. B. Browne and wife are visiting relatives in Montgomery.

Wm. R. A. Milner was on the sick list a few days last week.

G. W. Glaze, of Vincent, was in the city Saturday and Sunday.

A. H. Avery and wife, of Shelby, were in the city Friday afternoon.

There is a lot of improvement going on in Columbiana at present.

F. M. Hallmark spent a few days this week in Birmingham on business.

Vernon Hebb and J. F. Hill, of beat 9, were in the city Monday on business.

Mrs. Mary E. Parker spent Sunday and Monday in Montevallo with relatives.

Let every man in Shelby county who owes poll tax pay before February 1st.

The farmers in this county are in better condition today than for years past.

Mrs. Sam Goldberg, of Talladega, visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Walter Richardson, of Ensley, spent a few days here this week with relatives.

Rev. G. T. Harris filled his regular appointment at the Methodist church Sunday.

Mrs. Walter Richardson and children, of Ensley, are visiting relatives in the city.

The new telephone line between the Southern depot and town is nearly completed.

H. E. Whitaker, of the Montevallo Sentinel, was in the city Saturday and Sunday.

Philip Erlick is moving today to the L. M. Dyke residence on East College street.

F. E. Mason, of Wilsonville, attended the K. of P. entertainment here Monday night.

James Evans and J. W. Millstead, of Wilsonville, were in the city a short while Sunday.

Will Page, of Montevallo, spent a few days here this week with relatives and friends.

H. M. Abercrombie, of Vandiver, was in town Monday and Tuesday on business.

Miss Grace Walker has a position with the Columbiana Mercantile Company as cashier.

J. W. Mason, who is working up at Sterrett, spent Sunday and Monday here with his family.

Misses Bessie Robertson, Cora Morgan and Etta Robertson returned last week from Birmingham.

Miss Hannah Caldwell, of Harpersville, visited Mrs. W. A. Parker here several days this week.

In this issue of the Advocate will be found the statement of condition of the Columbiana Savings Bank.

Mrs. W. A. Weaver, who has been visiting relatives in the city, returned to her home in Birmingham Saturday.

Commissioners court adjourned Saturday after being in session for five days. Quite a lot of business was attended to during the session.

It's surprising how hard a fat, soft woman can be in spots.

Rufus O'Hara, of the L. and N., spent a few days here this week with relatives.

Rev. W. J. D. Upshaw will fill his regular appointment at the Baptist church next Sunday.

Rev. C. W. O'Hara and family have abandoned house-keeping and are boarding at Central Hotel.

L. M. Dyke has given up house keeping, and is at present boarding. He will move to Gadsden in the course of a few weeks, his future home.

Shelby Lodge No. 50, K. of P., on last Monday night, installed the following officers for the ensuing semi-annual term, viz: W. F. Davis, C. C.; W. A. Parker, V. C.; C. C. DuBose, Prelate; J. H. Mason, K. R. and S.; Philip Erlick, Master Exchequer; A. S. Liles, Master of Work; J. N. Robertson, Master-at-Arms; J. B. Pitts, Outer Guard; Ben Johnson, Inner Guard. The installation was public and was conducted by the Deputy Grand Chancellor, Jas. L. Abercrombie. Prior to the ceremonies, Hon. A. P. Longshore made a short, but appropriate address on the subject of Phylanthism. After the ceremonies there was a shadow party, which netted the Lodge a very nice little sum. The Columbiana String Band rendered music for the occasion.

Longview and Camp Branch.

There has been as yet, very little rain for this season.

R. M. Payne transacted business in Columbiana Saturday.

There were but few at Sunday school Sunday, owing to the inclement weather.

J. M. Leonard, Jr., and Miss Annie Roebuck were married in Birmingham on Dec. 30th. We wish them every possible pleasure.

Jno. Stone, of near Columbiana, was here Monday and Tuesday.

Jim and Willis Jones, of La., and Birmingham, spent the holidays here with relatives.

Miss Pearl Nabors has been suffering with neuralgia but is convalescent.

E. L. Bentley, of Pelham, transacted business here one day last week.

Miss Pimley Robinson, who we mentioned last week as being low, breathed her last on Wednesday 6th, inst. She was buried at the Camp Branch cemetery Thursday P. M.

The Rev. J. A. May, of Pelham, conducted the burial services. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved ones and point them to Him who giveth and taketh away.

A. C. Leonard and Mackey, of Birmingham, were here several days last week selling fertilizer.

F. M. Evans went to Montevallo Saturday.

J. F. Wilson has been on the sick list several days, but is improved much.

There are but a few days more until the people will go to the polls and say whether the Courthouse shall go or stay and upon either decision we want a just and fair election and the majority shall cast the deciding ballot. This is an important question and we should consider very thoroughly which is the best course and lay all prejudice against either place, and should Calera win will adorn our new capital with cheers and good wishes, though gentlemen, this will hardly ever be, because we are taxed almost to death now and we are too thoughtful to vote so much against our own interest, our schools and churches, public roads and such need our attention.

We should not neglect our poll tax through inconvenience or otherwise, see to it that all is paid.

Jesse Nabors was the guest of Miss Grace Evans Sunday.

The people generally are changing about, in fact there is a great deal to do and we hope our people will not go wild on cotton but will take heed from the Opelika News. That is a good paper and very full of good sense and we should read, heed, and be wise.

Success to everybody and to Columbiana especially.

ELLA.

A girl can learn to blush at a queer story a great deal easier than she can learn to see the point.

Boys raise mustaches and girls experience them.

Woman's logic can beat a crawfish 101 yards in a hundred-yard dash.

The meanest thing about paying a tailor's bill is you always know you are helping to pay somebody else who doesn't and is better dressed than you are.

A woman that has brains enough to be pretty has brains enough to satisfy a man every other way.

When people are in love with each other they don't fool anybody about it except themselves.

WONDERFUL NERVE.

Is displayed by many a man enduring pains of accidental Cuts, Wounds, Bruises, Burns, Scalds, Sore feet or stiff joints. But there's no need for it. Bucklen's Arnica Salve will kill the pain and cure the trouble. It's the best salve on earth for Piles, 25c, at Williams Bros., Drugists.

Fourmile.

Health of community good.

There wasn't any preaching at Blue Springs Sunday on account of the weather.

Miss Dany Messer, who has been spending a few days with relatives here, returned to her home on Yellow Leaf Sunday.

The pound supper given by Miss Ida Blackerby on last Wednesday night was enjoyed by all who attended.

The candy breaking at D. F. Hadaway's Thursday night was a grand success.

Walter and Wallace Roper and their sisters went to Yellow Leaf Sunday.

Jim Taylor and A. Kyle, of Wilsonville, were in our community Sunday afternoon.

PREACHER.

Dargin.

Local news scarce this week.

We had a very good rain Saturday.

Sunday school was not very well attended Sunday. Let us be up and doing and all come out and build our Sunday school up.

Dargin is booming we had a man in our town last week looking for a place to put up a store.

Mrs. Lyon is having her house enlarged and repaired.

F. Lynch went to Columbiana Monday.

A. C. Leonard and wife went to Columbiana last Monday.

H. B. Nabors and daughter Miss Minnie went to Columbiana Saturday.

John Stone, of Nelson, was in our town Wednesday.

Dock Lyons went to Calera Saturday on business.

A. M. Richards and family visited relatives on Campbranch Sunday.

D. H. Richards, of Wilsonville, visited his brother A. M. Richards the latter part of the week.

Prof. Will Evans, of Garnsey, visited his brother John Evans last Thursday.

T. M. Duncan went to Calera last week on business.

Our genial coaling and sawmill hustler, J. S. Evans, is delivering charcoal and lumber on the L. & N. at Dargin.

A. M. Richards is finishing the repairs on Mrs. Lyons residence.

Well, February the 1st will soon be here, and we hope the Courthouse question will be settled for all times. Let every one that can vote go to the polls and cast his ballot for the best interest of himself, and his children.

J. E. Mahan, our bustling road plow man passed through our town Monday.

J. G. Frost and Mr. Benson, of Spring Creek, passed through our town Tuesday.

O. L. Riley and Ed Atchison, of Paynes saw mill, visited the family of T. M. Duncan Sunday.

Mrs. Lyons visited Mrs. Duncan Sunday afternoon.

B. F. Harless visited Mr. Butler near Ebenezer Sunday.

Wade Farr entered the Dargin high school last Monday.

Tom Stoecheper, of Coon Creek, hitched his horse in front of his girls house Sunday.

C. L. O'Neal has cooled down one of his lime kilns for repairs.

Success to the Advocate and the Columbiana Court House.

BUFFALO BILL.

DOMESTIC TROUBLES.

It is exceptional to find a family where there are no domestic ruptures occasionally, but these can be lessened by having Dr. King's New Life Pills around. Much trouble they save by their great work in Stomach and Liver troubles. They not only relieve you, but cure. 25c, at Williams Bros., Drug Store.

Better not pick up any rocks until your own record is clean.

Sermons preached for the ears of God will reach the hearts of men.

The devil never yet made a lock that the love of God could not break.

The Bible is never too deep for the child nor too shallow for the aged.

A VERY CLOSE CALL.

"I stuck to my engine, although every joint ached and every nerve was racked with pain," writes O. W. Bellamy, a locomotive fireman, of Burlington, Iowa. "I was weak and pale, without any appetite and all run down. As I was about to give up, I got a bottle of Electric Bitters, and after taking it, I felt as well as I ever did in my life." Weak, sickly, run down people always gain new life, strength and vigor from their use. Try them. Satisfaction guaranteed by Williams Bros., Price 50c.

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The Rev. Irl R. Hicks Almanac for 1904 is now ready. It will be mailed to any address for 30 cents. It is surprising how such an elegant, costly book can be sent prepaid so cheaply. No family or person is prepared to study the heavens, or the storms and weather in 1904, without this wonderful Hicks Almanac and Prof. Hicks' splendid paper, Word and Works. Both are sent for only One Dollar A Year. Word and Works is among the best American Magazines. Like the Hicks Almanac, it is too well known to need further commendation. Few men have labored more faithfully for the public good or found a warmer place in the hearts of the people. Send orders to Word and Works Publishing Co., 2201 Locust St., St. Louis, Mo.

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Weldon.

John M. Ray, of Lewis, spent several days last week in our community on business.

L. R. Sewell left last week for Mississippi. While we regret to give Lee up we wish for him much success in his new home.

The class meeting at the residence of D. S. Shaw Sunday afternoon was a grand success and enjoyed by all present.

A very nice rain fell here Saturday night which helped the wells and springs considerable, and the hearts of the people thrown in.

Hosey Wilder, of Vincent, passed through the city Wednesday en route to Pelham after his letter half and children.

Rev. T. M. Nelson, of Columbiana, filled his regular appointment at New Prospect Saturday and Sunday.

Mex L. Sharbutt was the escort of Miss Maude Walton from the class meeting Sunday afternoon.

J. W. Roper and sisters, Misses Bertie and Cora, of Redlawn, attended divine worship at New Prospect Sunday.

Amos Bradley was the happy escort of Miss Julia Walton Sunday afternoon.

The singing at the residence of John W. Shaw Friday night was a grand success.

We learn that Prof. John W. Moore has a flourishing school at Cobb school house.

There was to have been a singing at the residence of Tom Walton Sunday night but his usual poor old Wild Bill was left behind and he can't tell a thing about it.

There is talk of having a Christian Endeavor Society at Union in the near future.

Sunday school at Union Sunday was very well attended for the roads to be so muddy.

We understand that Weldon is to have another shingle mill shortly, with W. T. Ray as proprietor.

Several of our boys and girls went up the pike Sunday afternoon to spark "a tad" as some of the young folks call it.

The next class meeting will be held at the residence of D. W. Sharbutt Sunday afternoon at 3 P. M.

Please excuse short coming this week, as we didn't have time to look up any news of interest. Of course we attended a class meeting and heard a nice sermon Sunday, but the roads were so bad folks couldn't get out and so you see how things are. We don't expect we will get to keep up with all the news this year as correspondents have gone to Mississippi and it is just Wild Bill individually now, though it has been so for a coons age. So I ask the good people of our community to give me their hearty support. If you want to make a change I am willing to give up my place at any time. I think some one should take my place for I have been correspondent for five years and I think that's long enough for one person, don't you? So let me hear from you, WILD BILL.

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The peculiar cough which indicates croup, is usually well known to the mothers of croupy children. No time should be lost in the treatment of it, and for this purpose no medicine has received more universal approval than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Do not waste valuable time in experimenting with untried remedies, no matter how highly they may be recommended, but give this medicine as directed and all symptoms of croup will quickly disappear. For sale by Williams Bros.

When the bears get squeezed in the stock market women wonder if they do it when any body is looking.

For a bad taste in the mouth take a few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Price 25c. Warranted to cure. For sale by Williams Bros.

The man who is saving one dollar and a half by refusing to pay his poll tax will find that within six years, instead of saving nine dollars, will lose twenty, besides losing a hundred dollar's worth of satisfaction out of the effect of sensibly using his franchise. He is walking into the trap set to catch him.—The Free Lance.

The smartest thing in the world is the dressmaker to be able to change a fashion so that old dresses can be made over.

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Election Managers and Clerks.

We, John E. Morris, Chairman, and J. H. Gunn and D. R. McMillan, composing the Board of Commissioners of County Seat Election, hereby appoint the following persons as Inspectors, Clerks and Returning Officers to hold and conduct the election to be held in the various beats in Shelby county, on Monday, the 1st day of February, 1904, for the purpose of determining whether or not the county seat of Shelby county shall be removed from Columbiana to Calera, to-wit:

Beat 1, box 1—Managers: H. M. Millstead, J. H. Leeper, J. L. Peters; clerks: Jno E. Dykes, J. H. Moore; returning officer, R. F. Cox, Sheriff.

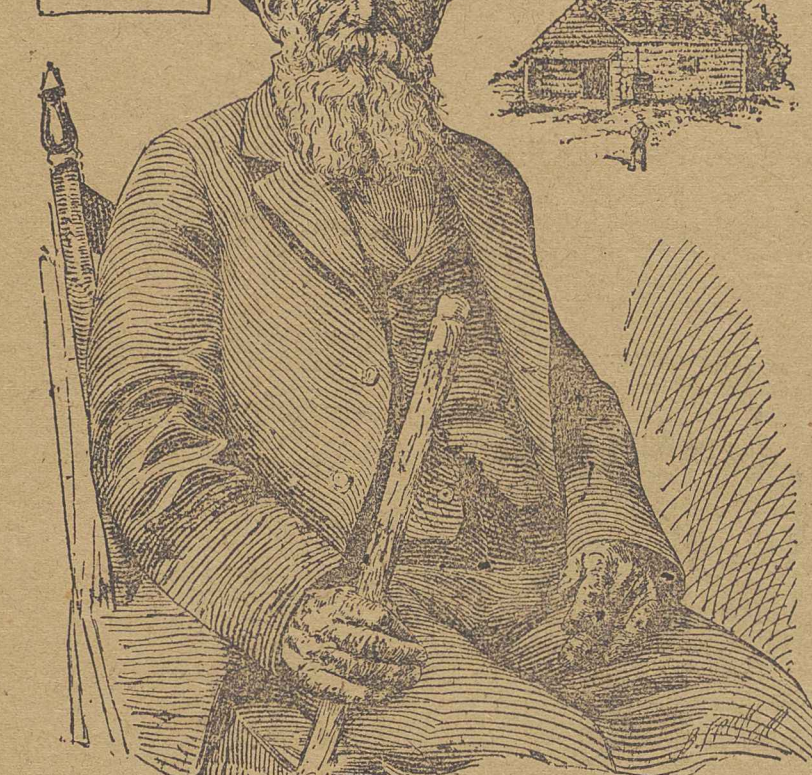
Beat 1, box 2—Managers: Geo. H. Avery, J. C. Williams, Frank Kinch; clerks: Elmer Carter, S. J. Harrell; returning officer, E. T. Brasher.

Beat 2—Managers: Thos. R. Lovett, Hosea Pearson, G. E. Abbott; clerks: William Carden

THE OLDEST MAN IN AMERICA

Tells How He Escaped the Terrors of Many Winters by Using Pe-ru-na.

Mr. Brock's
Age is 115
Years.



MR. ISAAC BROCK, BORN IN BUNCOMBE CO., N. C., MARCH 1, 1788
His age is 115 years, vouched for by authentic record. He says: "I attribute my extreme age to the use of Peruna."

Born before the United States was formed.
Saw 22 Presidents elected.
Pe-ru-na has protected him from all sudden changes.
Veteran of four wars.
Shook a horse when 99 years old.
Always conquered the grip with Pe-ru-na.
Witness in a land suit at the age of 110 years.
Believes Peruna the greatest remedy of the age for catarrhal diseases.

ISAAC BROCK, a citizen of McLennan County, Texas, has lived for 115 years. For many years he resided at Boone Falls, eighteen miles west of Waco, but now

lives with his son-in-law at Valley Mills, Texas.
A short time ago, by request, Uncle Isaac came to Waco and sat for his picture. In his hand he held a stick cut from the grave of General Andrew Jackson, which has been carried by him ever since. Mr. Brock is a dignified old gentleman, showing few signs of decrepitude. His family Bible is still preserved, and it shows that the date of his birth was written 115 years ago.
Surely a few words from this remarkable old gentleman, who has had 115 years of experience to draw from, would be interesting as well as profitable. A lengthy biographical sketch is given of this remarkable old man in the Waco Times-Herald, December 4, 1903. A still more pretentious biography of this, the oldest living man, illustrated with a double column portrait, was given the readers of the Dallas Morning News, dated December 11, 1903, and also the Chicago Times-Herald of same

date. This centenarian is an ardent friend of Peruna, having used it many years.
In speaking of his good health and extreme old age Mr. Brock says:
"After a man has lived in the world as long as I have he ought to have found out a great many things by experience. I think I have done so."

"One of the things I have found out to my entire satisfaction is the proper thing for ailments that are due directly to the effects of the climate. For 115 years I have withstood the changeable climate of the United States."

"I have always been a very healthy man, but of course subject to the little ailments which are due to sudden changes in the climate and temperature. During my long life I have known a great many remedies for coughs, colds and diarrhoea."

"As for Dr. Hartman's remedy, Peruna, I have found it to be the best. It not only relieves the cough, but it has been my standby for many years, and I attribute my good health and extreme old age to this remedy."

"It exactly meets all my requirements. It protects me from the effects of sudden changes; it keeps me in good spirits; it gives me strength; it keeps my blood in good circulation. I have come to rely upon it almost entirely for the many little things for which I need medicine."

"When epidemics of the grip first began to make their appearance in this country I was a sufferer from this disease."

"I had several long stages with the grip. At first I did not know that Peruna was a remedy for this disease. When I heard that it gripped was epidemic catarrh, I tried Peruna for the grip and found it to be just the thing."

In a letter dated January 31, 1903, Mr. Brock writes:
"I am well and feeling as well as I have for years. The only thing that bothers me is my sight. If I could see better I could walk all over the farm and it would do me good. I would not be without Peruna."

Yours truly,
Isaac Brock.

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A NERVOUS CHILD'S TRAINING. By Injudicious Treatment Such an One May Be Wrecked.

A child born with a nervous constitution is to be pitied or envied, according as he has parents who do or do not know how to treat him. Character is made or marred, even more than we are wont to believe, by the training which the child receives, and the future of no child is more absolutely in the keeping of its father and mother than that of the nervous child. By injudicious treatment such a child may be made to grow up a physical and moral wreck, at odds with all the world, while under wise management it may develop into one of the highest types of lovable man or woman—gentle, affectionate, sensitive intellectual and dependable.

The nervous child is often difficult to manage, especially if the mother is impatient with its dependency or its irritability. Scoldings only increase the tension of its nervous system, and more severe punishment, which the phlegmatic child takes with scarce a whimper and to its betterment, is often cruel in the extreme.

There are two types of nervous children—the active child, always on the go, inquisitive and acquisitive, but delicate as the mimosa leaf, shrinking back into itself at the first repulse or harsh word; and the pale, quiet, sensitive child, intelligent and thoughtful, but retiring. The child of the first type develops into the inventor, the active philanthropist, the promoter, the schemer, the adventurer, or the leader of criminals, according as his training has been wise and foolish. The child of the second type becomes the philosopher, the thinker, the man of letters, the poet, or the misanthrope, the sour recluse, and the plotter against society and government.

One great mistake in training a nervous child is to try to strengthen the nerves by opposition. A nervous child must be guided, not driven; if afraid of the dark it must not be forced to sleep in a closed room without a glimmer of light. It should not be laughed at for natural timidity, but should be gently convinced by argument of the groundlessness of its fears. At the same time its physical constitution should receive careful attention. Tonics, good, digestible food, an open-air life, avoiding long hours of study, frequent change of air and scene are all not only serviceable, but, one might say, indispensable in the transformation of the child of nervous disposition into the well-poised man or woman.—Youth's Companion.

Stones That Are Alive.

The most curious specimens of vegetable or plant life in existence are the so-called "living stones" of the Falkland Islands. Those islands are among the most cheerless spots in the world, being constantly subjected to a strong polar wind.

In such a climate it is impossible for trees to grow erect, as they do in other countries, but nature has made amends by furnishing a supply of wood in the most curious shape imaginable. The visitor to the Falkland Islands sees scattered here and there singular-shaped blocks of what appear to be weather-beaten and moss-covered boulders of various sizes.

Attempt to turn one of these boulders over and you will meet with an actual surprise, because the stone is actually anchored by roots of great strength; in fact, you will find that you are fooling with one of the native trees.

No other country in the world has such a peculiar "forest" growth, and it is said to be next to impossible to work the odd shaped blocks into fuel, because the wood is perfectly devoid of grain and appears to be a twisted mass of woody fibres.—Chicago Post.

The U. S. Dept. of Agriculture gives to Salzer's Oats its heartiest endorsement. Salzer's New National Oats yielded in 1903 from 150 to 300 bu. per acre in 20 different States, and you, Mr. Farmer, can beat this in 1904, if you will. Salzer's seeds are pedigree seeds, bred up through careful selection to big yields.

Per Acre.
Salzer's Beardless Barley yielded 121 bu.
Salzer's Home Builder Corn... 200 bu.
Salzer's Victor Rape... 30 bu.
Salzer's Speltz and Macaroni Wheat... 60,000 lbs.
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Now such yields pay and you can have them, Mr. Farmer, in 1904.

SEND 10c. IN STAMPS
and this notice to the John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., and you will get their big catalog and lots of farm seed samples free. [A.C.L.]

A man robs himself if he does not make the best of his time.

The Fifth Commandment.

The lesson teaches the commandments, and Theodore holds his breath until the second and fourth are passed. John and Alex got those, and it falls to his happy lot to rattle out the fifth.

"What does it mean?" asks his mother.
"Not to listen to Mose sing on Sunday, or fight Alex, or be cross to Mammy, and to clean your teeth and wash behind your ears every morning, and not say 'dog on!'"

"Not say 'dog on!' is the third commandment," objected John.

"Then it's in both, 'cause mother told us not to, so it's in the mind—your mother's commandment. 'Most everything is in that.'"

"So it is," approved father from his chair. "You observe that, boys, and everything will come out right."—From Memories, in Leslie's Monthly.

Useful Apple Seed.

Probably a comparatively small proportion of people know of the remedial action of the common apple seed in cases where one gets a foreign substance in the eye. Almost everybody has used or heard of "eye stones." The seed of the apple acts in precisely the same way. Introduce it under the lid and it will travel around until it has found the offending cinder or other harmful object. It gives no discomfort and will sometimes stay in the eye twenty-four hours before it has fully done its work.

The imports in hosiery from England have fallen in ten years from \$1,500,000 a year to \$200,000.

Mother

"My mother was troubled with consumption for many years. At last she was given up to die. Then she tried Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, and was speedily cured."
D. P. Jolly, Avoca, N. Y.

No matter how hard your cough or how long you have had it, Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is the best thing you can take. It's too risky to wait until you have consumption. If you are coughing today, get a bottle of Cherry Pectoral at once.

Three sizes: 25c., 50c., \$1. All druggists.

Consult your doctor. If he says take it, then do as he says. If he tells you not to take it, then don't take it. He knows. Leave it with him. We are willing.

J. C. AYER & CO., Lowell, Mass.

Moorish Women's Age.
Feminine Moors are generally absolutely ignorant of their age. Among Moorish women this is a point of honor, but it is really no affectation, for as their birthdays are never celebrated in any manner the passage of the years is far less noticed than it is with us.

Economy is the road to wealth. PURNAM FADELESS DYES is the road to economy.

Jealousy makes a woman think she can secure a monopoly on a man's love by acting up.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic, 25c. a bottle.

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Does its work in thirty minutes and leaves less than 1 per cent. butter fat. The price is ridiculously low, according to its value. It separates the cream from the milk, and when you have one you would not part therewith for fifty times its cost.

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with 5c. stamps for postage to the John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., and get their big catalogue, fully describing this remarkable Cream Separator, and hundreds of other tools and farm seeds used by the farmer. [A.C.L.]

When a dude turns a woman's head it is usually in the other direction.

The Sweet Gum.

The exudation you see clinging to the sweet gum tree in the summer contains a stimulating expectorant that will loosen the phlegm in the throat. Taylor's Remedy of Sweet Gum and Mullein cures coughs and croup.

At druggists, 25c., 50c. and \$1.00 a bottle.

Were it not for clouds people would be unable to appreciate sunshine.

The French Government employs 1500 workmen and 15,000 women in the State tobacco manufactories, and makes a yearly profit of 400,000,000 francs.

The English language is much in use in Panama, especially on the Atlantic side.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, ss.
I, J. C. CHENEY, make oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, Ohio, and State of Ohio, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of CATARRH that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, 1895.
A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free.

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Sold by all Druggists, 75c.
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Sunday Island, in the Pacific, is really the tallest mountain in the world. It rises 2000 feet of five miles of water, and is thus nearly 30,000 feet from base to summit.

The average number of visitors in New York City is estimated at 250,000, and their stay is ten days.

Color Perception.

During the Cambridge Anthropological Expedition to Torres Straits a series of careful psychometric observations of the inhabitants of Murray Island was carried out, and these studies of a primitive people are regarded as of much importance in the science of mankind. One striking result appears to be a confirmation of the view, formerly entertained, but of late generally rejected, that the limited variety of color names found in classical literature indicates that the range of definite color sensations among the ancients, in the days of Homer, for instance, was less than with us. The observations on the Murray Islanders show that they also have no definite descriptive words for color sensations in which they are defective.

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1,000 fine, solid Cabbages,
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2,000 Blanching, nutty Celery,
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In all over 10,000 plants—this great offer is made to give you to test their warranted vegetable seeds and

ALL FOR BUT 10c. POSTAGE, providing you will return this notice, and if you will send them 20c. in postage, they will add to the above a package of the famous Berliner Cauliflower. [A.C.L.]

A man usually gets the last word in an argument with his wife because she gives it to him.

Lansure's Cures for Consumption saved my life three years ago.—MRS. THOMAS ROBERTS, Maple St., Norwich, N.Y., Feb. 17, 1900.

If poets are born their ancestors should be held responsible.

Buying an Exposition.
When the exposition held, a few years ago at Omaha had closed it disappeared as a mirage might. One week a town of spectators and a picture stood on the fair grounds. So it appeared the Saturday the exposition closed. On Monday a swarm of 500 workmen poured in through the gates—and in a twinkling the wonder city vanished. Not even the lagoon was left.

Months before, a wrecking company had bought the whole exposition for about \$20,000. As soon as the fair closed they hurried steam derricks, special cars, and workmen to the grounds and forthwith began demolition.

The bricks that lined the lagoon and paved the sidewalks were taken up and shipped to Chicago. The buildings were torn down; all the lumber was sent away, and the plaster was thrown into the lagoon. Whole sections of the roofs were lifted bodily upon the cars. The miles and miles of fence were taken down. Train loads after train loads of lumber, building materials, furniture, including thousands of chairs—in fact, everything that makes up the plant of an exposition, were sent to the company's great Chicago depot.

Nothing was wasted. The hinges and locks on the doors were removed, sorted and shipped. All the thousands of trees, shrubs and plants that dotted the exposition grounds were scientifically loaded on the cars and sent east. Plagioses, flags and type writers by the hundreds shared a like fate. Even the great panorama of the battle of Gettysburg was taken. Two weeks from the close of the exposition the grounds were bare and level. There was no water. These things were put into shape and sold. The company has an immense store in which goods are for sale; "from a needle to an anchor"—furniture, builders' supplies, lumber, flags, hinges and all the objects and materials used at expositions—and not only these, but many more, for this same company buys dismantled theatres, great wooden bridges and old hotels. It buys in bulk and sells piecemeal. There is nothing that suggests the traditional white elephant so strongly as a group of exposition buildings, but this company skillfully puts the unpromising material to very practical use.—World's Work.

In a polling of popular American poems Thanatopsis leads all the rest. Its sonorous lines are unquestionably as good for purposes of youthful musing as any ever penned in any land; and if the content is a bit trite those who admire the poem must admire it probably the more on that account.

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JANUARY 13TH.

Panama again was the principal subject of consideration in the senate. The debate was spirited. Mr. Carmack opened the proceedings with a set speech in point of criticism of the president's course, and was followed by Mr. Spooner, the only other speaker of the day, in defense of the president's action as law-abiding and in defense of the president himself as a "patriotic, brave and true man."

Mr. Tillman frequently interrupted Mr. Spooner, and there were a number of sharp encounters between them. When the senate adjourned the Panama question was still before it, and it was announced that the discussion would be resumed tomorrow after the disposition of the postoffice department inquiry resolutions.

After a lively debate lasting three hours, the house, in committee of the whole, by a vote of 7 to 65, struck out of the legislative executive and judicial appropriation bill the paragraph providing for the salaries and expenses of the civil service commission and clerks employed under the commission. The action was taken on motion of Mr. Hepburn, of Iowa. He was supported by both republicans and democrats both in speech and in vote.

An amendment increasing the salaries of the governors of Arizona and New Mexico from \$3,000 to \$3,500 prevailed.

JANUARY 14TH.

Immediately after the senate was called to order Mr. Pettus, from the committee on military affairs, reported the bill extending till 1906 the time for the settlement of claims of states for the equipment of troops for the Spanish-American war. The bill was passed.

At the request of Mr. Hale the consideration of resolutions touching the postoffice department was postponed until Monday morning next.

The senate on Thursday listened to speeches by Mr. Newlands and Mr. Dewey on the Panama canal question, and to a speech by Mr. Latimer in advocacy of the adoption of a plan for the improvement of the public wagon roads of the country.

When the house convened the senate resolution authorizing the erection of a monument in memory of the late President Benjamin Harrison on land owned by the United States in the city of Indianapolis was passed.

Representative Underwood, of Alabama, has introduced in the house a bill to exclude certain aliens from admission to the United States under the immigration laws. The bill provides that admission to the United States shall be denied to persons over fifteen years of age who cannot read the English language or some other language; but an admissible immigrant now in or hereafter admitted into the United States may bring in or send for his wife, his children under eighteen years of age, and his parents or grandparents over fifty years of age, if they are otherwise admissible, whether they are so able to write or not.

Representative Robinson introduced a bill providing for the admission of Oklahoma and Indian Territory into the union as the state of Oklahoma.

JANUARY 15TH.

Today's session of the senate began and closed with the passage of a number of bills on the calendar.

The intervening time was given over to a speech by Mr. Teller on the Panama canal question, Mr. Teller contending that the course of the president in connection with the recent revolt of Panama had been contrary to precedent, and in contravention of international law.

The senate adjourned until Monday.

The Gorman Panama resolution was laid before the senate. Before any one was recognized to speak on the resolution Mr. Gorman offered a number of amendments, striking out the word "intervention" wherever it appears, thus modifying the resolution so as to make it an inquiry of the president concerning the use of American military forces in the isthmus of Panama.

The house held no session Saturday.

Kentucky Next.

The Kentucky house committee on suffrage and election has decided to report favorably the Heflin suffrage bill. This measure in effect disfranchises the negro on the ground of illiteracy.

Alabama has opened up another medium of trade by exporting home-grown hay to Cuba. Efforts are being made to enlarge the shipments.

Older Than Her Country.

Linda Allison, claiming to be the oldest colored woman in the United States, died at Pensacola, Fla., Saturday. She was born in Virginia in 1770, and had reached nearly the century age when she was freed after the civil war. She has been a resident of Pensacola since securing her freedom, but for twenty-three years has been blind and unable to walk.

MRS. HOBSON DEAD.

The End Came Sunday—Interment at Greensboro.

Boulder, Col., January 17, 1904. Mrs. Henri Weber, 1919 Avenue F, Birmingham, Ala.

The end has come peacefully. It is God's will. Please inform Johnston, Van Hoose, Reid and other friends.

RICHMOND.

The above telegram is received. Sarah Croon Pearson Hobson was born at Richmond Hill, N. C., February 24, 1843, and for the past twenty years she has been an invalid. She was of distinguished lineage, her father being Chief Justice Richmond Pearson, of North Carolina, and her mother Miss Margaret Williams, of Knoxville. Mrs. Hobson was the sister of the Hon. Richmond Pearson, minister to Persia. Her son was with her when she died and will leave with the remains for Greensboro, Ala., where they will be interred.

Arson the Charge.

The fire that occurred at Wilton, Ala., last Tuesday night, and supposed to have been a mystery, turned out to have been caused by a negro named Will Johnson, alias Will Thomas.

Herbert Bell, of Brierfield, caught him with several bolts of cloth, canned goods and soap in his possession. The evidence gave rise to the belief that the fire was caused to cover the burglary of Jackson's store and post-office.

With the capture of this negro the citizens of Wilton are supposed to have the one who set fire to the Wilton hotel, as he was employed there at the time, and was the first to give the alarm.

\$3,500 for His Fingers.

At Chattanooga, Tenn., in the circuit court, L. E. Brown was given judgment against the Heron Iron Bedstead Company for \$3,500 for personal injuries. Brown, a boy, was employed by the company to clean around a shearing machine. He was required to wipe off the cogs while in motion and in doing so his left hand was drawn in and all of his fingers cut off.

Senator McLaurin, of Mississippi, has introduced a bill to legalize the first Monday in September as Labor day and a holiday.

It is announced that the holy see has decided to send a papal nuncio to The Hague to occupy the post which has been empty since May, 1899. It will be remembered that when the court of arbitration was first opened Leo XIII. to show his displeasure at not having been invited to be represented, recalled Monsignor Tarnassi, the nuncio at The Hague, and that the holy see has not been represented in Belgium since.

Russia has outwitted Great Britain in Persia by getting the shah's consent to the construction of a railroad from Shirminar to Teheran. The concession was given to a Persian merchant, who is said to be the czar's secret agent. A road from the Russian frontier to Tabriz will also be built in such a form that it can be used at any time as a railroad embankment.

A Seaboard Air Line train from Tampa was fired into Saturday. A load of buckshot passed through a window of the white passenger coach. No one was hurt. The train was stopped and the crew spent fifteen minutes looking for the offender, but no one was found.

Robbers attempted to wreck a passenger train on the Louisville and Nashville railroad Saturday night at Mulat, Ala. Crossbites and other obstructions were piled on the track, but the attempt was discovered by a section hand before the arrival of the train.

Kaiser Wilhelm opened the Prussian parliament last Saturday.

Secretary Wilson is authority for the statement that scientists of the department of agriculture have perfected a system of wireless telegraphy. It is in successful operation between San Francisco and the Farallones Islands, a distance of about twenty-seven miles. The new system is being used in connection with the work of the weather bureau.

The senate committee on Pacific Islands and Porto Rico has made a favorable report on Senator Blackburn's bill to pay Liliuokalani, formerly queen of Hawaii, the sum of \$2,000 in full satisfaction of all claim to the former crown lands in Hawaii.

Representative John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, is confined to his room by sickness. The trouble started from a cold and some apprehension is felt by the attending physicians lest pneumonia should develop.

Miss Ruth Brown Thompson, daughter of John Brown, the liberator, died Friday, aged 75 years.

Murdered His Sick Wife.

Jack Norwood, a well known farmer residing near Flint, Ala., murdered his wife and escaped from justice. Officers are scouring the country for him. It is said that Norwood's wife had been ill for sometime and confined to her bed. She died suddenly and he refused to have her dressed for burial. Suspicion was aroused and upon examination several ugly knife wounds were found upon the body.

SOURCE OF REVENUE

The Convict System as It is Now Managed.

The quarterly report of President J. M. Carmichael, of the state board of convict inspectors, made public by the state executive department, shows that the convict department for the calendar year of 1903 earned the total of \$220,631.88.

The report was made at the end of the first year's trial of the new plan of working the convicts by the state instead of leasing them to the mining companies and operators. In 1899 the department earned something over \$6,000 and in 1903 it earned over \$200,000.

The following statement shows alone the net earnings, after full payment of all liabilities and expenses originated and incurred during the year. The stock and property counted in the statement are still on hand. The statement, however, includes nothing for permanent improvements which have been made:

Amount paid into the treasury for the year...	\$186,112 96
Amount earned during the year, due, but perfectly good...	21,044 55
Live stock purchased for farms still on hand...	1,921 00
Mules, tools, implements and furnishings for the mines...	11,603 37

Total amount of net earnings for 1903... \$220,631 88

This statement contains the value of the cotton of the year 1902, but does not contain the value of the cotton made during the year 1903, which is nearly all still on hand and worth more than the 1902 crop.

May Pay 65 Per Cent.

The receiver for the Bessemer, Ala., Savings bank is preparing to pay a dividend, and it is thought that it will not be later than the 1st of February. There has been a great deal of confusion in getting the bank's affairs in shape, on account of so many of the creditors failing to file their claims. It is thought that the first dividend will be about 15 per cent.

The court has ordered a sale of the property of the bank at public outcry during the next thirty days, and another payment will be made on or about the first of March, and it is thought that this will pay the creditors another dividend of 15 per cent. Then the litigation will begin and if the receiver is as fortunate as is now thought the defunct bank will pay a total dividend of 65 per cent.

The Pig Iron Market.

During the past week the pig iron market has been normal so far as inquiries are concerned for this period of the year. Owing to the recent heavy purchases of southern brands there have not been many sales at the advanced prices. Extraordinary efforts were made to allow all consumers to cover their probable wants for the first three months at the lowest basis. Southern furnaces as a rule are unwilling to sell beyond the first quarter. The demand for northern iron is confined to small contracts for early delivery.

Saw Mill Burned.

The saw mill of John Cathcart at Decatur, Ala., one of the largest mills in north Alabama, was totally destroyed by fire at an early hour Saturday morning. The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss will aggregate \$15,000, partly covered by insurance.

Rifle teams of Birmingham and Bessemer, Ala., met in a shooting Friday. Bessemer winning by the score of 1,190 to 1,182.

A general rearrangement of the military map of the United States is brought about by the order establishing the new military divisions, effected Friday. Under the new order of things there are four military divisions in the United States and one in the Philippines.

Placer mining has been resorted to of the refuse in the Iroquois theater.

May Supplant Spain's Product.

Alabama pyrites is now being experimented with, and if the experiments should prove satisfactory there is a probability that they will take the place of pyrites now being imported from Spain in great quantities.

The pyrites beds in Clay county are said to be voluminous and will stand hard working for some years to come. The Louisville and Nashville railroad has backed the construction of a railroad, extending from their line through Talladega to Myrtion, and there will be no trouble in getting the product.

Sold the Bonds.

President R. S. Skelton, of the Jackson county road commission, has just placed the last of road bonds, amounting to \$62,000, which were taken by A. E. Tisner, of Cincinnati. The bonds were sold at par and bear 5 per cent interest. These bonds are the last of an issue of \$250,000 which the legislature authorized Jackson county to issue for the purpose of building macadamized roads and bridges.

TRAIN ROBBERS

Driven Off After Effort to Hold up the Seaboard Passenger.

A passenger train on the Seaboard Air Line was held up one mile east of Sanderson, Fla., Saturday night by four white men.

The engine was stopped by a volley of shots. The fireman and engineer were taken off the engine and carried to the second-class coach and the robbers ran the train ahead about a half mile, where they blew open the baggage car, mistaking it for the express. The train conductor went forward, but was fired on and driven back to the coaches.

Conductor L. S. Peck, who was in charge of the train, called for firearms and volunteers. N. H. Harrison, claim agent of the road; B. E. McCaa, traveling auditor, and J. C. Williamson, foreign agent, responded and the four went forward, opened fire and drove the robbers away.

The robbers secured nothing and made no attempt to rob the passengers. The sheriffs of Duval and Baker counties are on the trail of the robbers with bloodhounds.

JAMES L. BLAIR DEAD.

Was Counsel General for the St. Louis World's Fair.

James L. Blair of St. Louis died at Eustis, Fla., Saturday morning. Mr. Blair went there about five weeks ago in search of health, and it was thought he was improving until last week when his condition changed alarmingly for the worst.

Mr. Blair held the position of general counsel for the St. Louis exposition, and Mrs. Blair, that of president of the board of lady managers, which positions were resigned owing to certain charges of official misconduct of the deceased.

The cause of the death as stated in the physician's certificate is congestion of the brain.

A SEWERAGE SYSTEM

To Be Installed in the City of Athens, Alabama.

Athens, Ala., has let the contract for a sewerage system for the town. The successful bidder was the Nashville Plumbing company and they took the contract for laying four miles of sewer for \$11,063.85.

Work is to begin the first of February and is to be completed by the first of June.

The work is to be paid in cash as the town has nearly enough cash on hand to pay the bill when the work is done.

Caught in New Orleans.

Fred W. Peterson, formerly a bank clerk of Montgomery, Ala., has been captured in New Orleans.

Until last August Peterson had for five years been in the employ of the Merchants' and Planters' Farley National bank, working as a collection clerk. He was considered a very sober young man, free of bad habits.

In August he asked for a leave of absence of two weeks, under the guise of spending the vacation in North Carolina. Soon after his departure an examination of his accounts showed that he was short \$4,965. Detectives followed him to Chicago and New York. No further trace was secured and a report was received that he died in a western town.

Several weeks ago, however, it was ascertained by friends of Peterson that he was in New Orleans and he was apparently making no effort to conceal his identity. The bonding company soon located him and he was arrested.

The Citizens' Savings Bank and Trust company, capitalized at \$50,000, has been organized in Birmingham, Ala., and will begin business about March 1st.

James E. Butler, of New Hope, Ala., sold 1,400 bales of cotton Saturday at the uniform rate of 13 1/4 cents a pound. The money consideration was nearly \$100,000, making this the largest sale of cotton ever made in Madison county.

The West Pratt Coal company has doubled its capital.

Docked a Dock.

The small wooden floating dock at the Pensacola, Fla., navy yard was taken out on the Spanish steel dock, the work being done successfully. Two hots were found in the bottom of the dock, which will be repaired. Some weeks ago, when an effort was made to dock this structure, the blocks slipping and both were badly damaged, the pontoons of the steel dock being crushed.

It is announced that the czarina is suffering from pleurisy. The first court ball of the season, which was set for January 25th, has been postponed in consequence.

MAY I TELL YOU

I want to tell every stammerer how I cured myself at home. You can do the same in three days. I am sorry for you is why I do this. I have told many, who are now cured and happy. They write me grateful letters. Write me at once, for I leave here soon.

Address Rev. G. W. Randolph, Belmont hotel, Birmingham, Ala.

EUROPEAN CAVALRY

May Be Supplied From American Stock.

Although the United States is deficient in creating new breeds of animals, according to Secretary Wilson, who outlined the policy of the department of agriculture to the house committee on agriculture, Sir Thomas Lipton buys horses and pigs at Chicago.

The horses, says the secretary, he ships to Ireland and trains them as jumpers, then sells them in Great Britain to "ten stone Englishmen" as Irish jumpers. The pigs, of which he selects the thin ones, he calls as "Irish bacon," which he also sells in England.

Secretary Wilson believes the United States can furnish the mounts for the cavalry of Europe with proper study of the breeding of horses, and the department is turning its attention to this subject at the present time. The only thing the United States has ever produced in the way of new breeds, he says, is perhaps a few breeds of huns, although we have converted a running horse into a trotter.

Many other statements of interest were made to the committee by the secretary. Discussing the problem of irrigation he said the experts of his department were studying the problem of how to handle the soil so as to conserve the water available. In this connection he mentioned the sugar beet crop, which, he said, was steadily on the increase.

The forests of the country, the secretary declared to be disappearing at an alarming rate. He asked for an increase of \$100,000 additional for the bureau of forestry, declaring this to be the time to inaugurate the new methods, in forestry.

DENIES MURDER,

But Admits Gambling With the Dead Man Same Day.

Ben Johnson, a young white man, is charged with the murder of G. W. Wall, near Cordova, Ala., Friday afternoon.

The theory is that Johnson killed Wall and put the body on the tracks of the Frisco railroad, where it was run over and mangled.

A watch belonging to Wall was found in Johnson's house and Wall's knife was found on Johnson's person.

Johnson gave this statement: That he met Wall at the Frisco railroad depot, and that he proposed a game of cards with him, and that they went up the railroad track about half a mile from Cordova and engaged in a game, he (Johnson) winning several dollars from Wall, and that he left Wall about 3 o'clock, Johnson returning to Cordova, Wall going toward Jasper.

Wall is said to be from Flat Top mines, having held the position of chief powder man. He was well-dressed and looked to be in good circumstances.

The town of Brighton, Ala., has filed a complaint against the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad company that a dam which the company built near the town has been the cause of a great deal of malarial suffering among the citizens of the town.

Milk in bricks is being sold in California. The process is one of evaporation and the addition of seven parts of water to the solid form will produce an almost natural milk in which cream will rise.

Mrs. Knight, of Mobile, Ala., has sent to Mississippi's department of archives and history, a handsome life size painting of her father, Gen. W. F. Bradley, a Mississippian, who was one of the leaders of the confederacy.

Sues for \$150,000.

Capt. James M. Elliott, who recently purchased the Anniston, Ala., plant of the Southern Car and Foundry company, has entered suit in the New York courts for \$150,000 against the Pittsburgh parties to whom he sold the Southern Car and Foundry company. This amount is said to be the balance of purchase money due Capt. Elliott.

A CIRCUIT'S CONSTITUTIONALITY

To Be Tested as the Result of a Murder Trial.

The attorneys of Harry Newton, white, the ex-convict who was convicted of killing Sam Lacy at Wetumpka, Ala., and given a life sentence, are going to test the constitutionality of the act creating the fifteenth judicial circuit. This circuit is known as the "Pony Circuit" and is composed of the counties of Montgomery, Elmore, Chilton and Autauga. The attorneys claim that the act is unconstitutional and set out eleven grounds to support their contention.

Advices received from Winston county are to the effect that ex-Sheriff B. M. O'Rear, formerly of Walker county, Alabama, who shot and killed John Wilson on December 23d last, was admitted to bail in the sum of \$1,500 in a preliminary hearing.

Bessemer and Ensley, Ala., rolling mills are getting ready for business. It is reported that they have a large number of orders on hand, enough to run the entire plants for a long time.

HANNA ISSUES CALL

For Republican National Convention, Chicago June 21

Senator Hanna, as chairman of the national republican committee, late Saturday evening issued the call for the national republican convention.

In part it reads:

"To the republican electors of the United States:

"In accordance with established customs and in obedience to instructions of the national convention of 1900, the national republican committee directs that a national convention of delegate representatives of the republican party be held at the city of Chicago in the state of Illinois, for the purpose of nominating candidates for president and vice president to be voted for at the presidential election, Tuesday, November 8, 1904, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it, and that said convention shall assemble at 12 o'clock noon on Tuesday, the 21st day of June 1904.

"Said national convention shall consist of a number of delegates-at-large from each state, equal to double the number of United States senators to which each state is entitled and for each representative-at-large in congress, two delegates-at-large; from each of the territories of Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Hawaii and Indian Territory, six delegates; from Alaska, four delegates.

"All delegates must be elected not less than thirty days before the meeting of the national convention.

"All notices of contest shall be submitted in writing accompanied by a printed statement setting forth the grounds of contest, which shall be filed with the secretary of the national committee twenty days prior to the meeting of the national committee, and will be acted on by the national convention in the order of the date of filing notice and statement with the secretary.

"PERRY HEATH, Secretary. "M. A. HANNA, Chairman."

TO FIGHT THE BOLL WEEVIL.

Department of Agriculture Has Formulated Plans for the Campaign.

It is expected that the president will sign the bill appropriating \$250,000 to fight the cotton boll weevil at once.

The agricultural department is already formulating plans of procedure to minimize the ravages of the pest. The department does not contemplate a war of extermination on the weevil. The plan is to establish small farms here and there in Texas, and parts of Arkansas and Louisiana.

On these farms experiments will be made by so fertilizing cotton as to make it mature before September, when the weevil gets in its work. The farmers will be given the benefits of these demonstrations. Various kinds of cotton will be planted to ascertain the best variety for early maturity. North Carolina cotton will be especially used.

The agricultural department, about the 1st of next month, will issue a series of instructions to farmers on the subject. The boll weevil is traveling at the estimated rate of 125 miles a year.

Bryan's Plans.

Mr. Bryan telegraphs as follows from Hannibal, Mo.:

"Have not heard of Hearst's St. Louis paper. I shall publish daily edition of The Commoner in St. Louis during the convention.

"W. J. BRYAN."

The big Florida winter resort hotels are opening.

Making Records.

All the mines in the Pratt City district of Alabama are running on full time. The new machine that was installed during the suspension last summer is proving successful. The output of No. 1 mine during the past week has broken all former records. The daily output averages nearly 1,000 tons. Other mines also report gains.

Two Chambers County Residents Run Over by Train.

Tom Turnham and Jesse Edge were killed by a south-bound Central of Georgia train from Roanoke at a crossing a half mile north of Lafayette, Ala., Friday afternoon. They were on their way home.

Two mules were killed and the wagon and load of supplies were a total wreck. Edge was killed instantly. Turnham lived half an hour, but was unconscious.

The heads and bodies of both were terribly mangled.

Each leaves a large family with meager means.

Program Arranged.

The program for the inauguration of Governor Vardaman of Mississippi, has been arranged as follows: Procession from mansion to capitol; reception by house and senate at 12:30; music, prayer by Rev. S. L. Reeves; introduction by Speaker Thomas; inaugural address; administering oath of office; music; reception in the governor's office from 7:30 to 9:30.

THIS IS ABOUT HONEY.

Best Is Made From Asters and Golden Rod.

Those who have an idea that honey is honey have evidently never studied the subject; or, perhaps, they have been so interested in the very interesting habits of the bee, as exploited by some of the most fascinating writers, that they have not yet gotten their minds to the move-on point.

"The best honey is taken when the asters and golden rod are in blossom," says Mrs. E. S. Starr, an authority on the subject. Compared with honey made when these two flowers are blooming, sweet clover honey is very poor. None is lost, however, since the honey made from the less desirable flowers is taken from the bees and kept for their winter necessities. These patient toilers may know the difference, but they make no expression. Like good children, they eat what is set before them, and neither grumble nor ask for more.

Next to the aster and golden rod honey is that made in the spring. In many instances the charming spring flowers make as desirable honey as that which is shipped late in the summer. Not that bees are invariably engaged in making honey! Indeed, that touching, if old-fashioned rhyme, "How doth the little busy bee improve each shining hour? might well be somewhat phrased in an up-to-date manner. Some of them are given to stinging. And here's an interesting point. One who owns many swarms, and is often stung by the various members of these swarms, says that only one swarm proves poisonous. Members of the others sting and annoy for the time, but the members of this one have a poisonous sting that is truly troublesome. Just why inhabitants of this hive should be fitted out with such very active poison is a mystery.

At this season honey takes on a peculiar interest, and the colder the weather grows the more do we enjoy eating it. The Englishman's everlasting breakfast jam is mean compared with this ideal sweet. Strained honey, annoys some because of its propensity to candy. This is easily overcome by sterilizing, the sterilizing acting as a preventive or a cure. If done the first thing it prevents the honey from candying. If done after the honey has candied, it restores it to its original condition.

Sterilizing is the easiest thing to do. Simply stand the jar of honey, with the cover off, in a kettle of cold water over the fire. Bring the water to a boil, skim the risen impurities from the honey, and it's all over. In placing the jar in the kettle there should be some nails or excelsior under it to prevent it resting on the bottom of the kettle.

Catchers of Fireflies.

The catching and sale of fireflies is a more or less important trade in Japan. They are used in numerous ways—in cages here and there at the garden parties of noblemen, or as coiffure dressing, or even as a substitute for fireworks, thousands of them being turned loose from a box in the presence of guests.

The professional firefly hunter starts out at sunset with a long bamboo pole and a bag of mosquito netting. Willow growths near the water are the best field for this plunder. The hunter strikes the branches with his pole, and as the fireflies fall in showers to the ground, gathers them up with both hands before they can recover themselves enough to fly away, and tosses them lightly into his mouth. There he holds them tightly until his mouth is full, when he blows them gently into his bag of netting.

From dusk until about 8 o'clock in the morning the firefly catcher works; and then, when the insects begin to leave the trees for the dewy grass beneath, he starts in with a light, soft broom and sweeps them up by the handfuls. An expert catcher has been known to gather as many as 3000 or 4000 in a night.

Lace That Grows.

The lace bark tree (Lagetta lintealis, one of the Daphnads), may perhaps be called an eccentricity of nature. Its inner bark, when stretched, laterally, resembles lace so nearly that it can be used in its place. In Jamaica, where it grows in abundance, the bark is made into ruffles, collars, purses, caps, dollies, etc. The negroes also make durable clothing from it, while the white inhabitants use it for ropes and cables.

A whip made from this tree was brought recently from Jamaica. The handle ends in a rosette, which is formed merely by a loosening of the inner bark. But

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REPRESENTATIVE.

E. S. Lyman.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Circuit Judge—John Pelham.
Circuit Solicitor—C. C. Whitson.
Circuit Clerk—John P. Pearson.
Sheriff—R. F. Cox.

Terms of Court—Eleventh Monday after the fourth Monday in January and July, and may continue four weeks.

CHANCERY COURT.

Chancellor—R. B. Kelly.
Register in Chancery—J. R. White.
Terms of Court—First Thursdays after second Mondays in March and September.

COUNTY COURT.

County Judge—A. P. Longshore.
County Clerk—John P. Pearson.
County Solicitor—W. R. Oliver.
Terms of Court—Third Mondays in February, May, August and November.
Probate Court—Second Monday in each month.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

Probate Judge—A. P. Longshore.
Clerk—John P. Pearson.
Sheriff—R. F. Cox.
Treasurer—L. J. Carden.
Supt. of Education—J. B. Farrell.
Tax Collector—J. H. Robertson.
Tax Assessor—John S. Pitts.
County Surveyors—A. P. R. Dahl, H. M. Abercrombie.

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First District—L. R. Kendrick.
Second District—R. J. Griffin.
Third District—Pleasant Shaw.
Fourth District—R. B. Posey.
Terms of Court—First Mondays in January, April, July and October. Special Terms—Second Mondays in May and July and first Mondays in June.

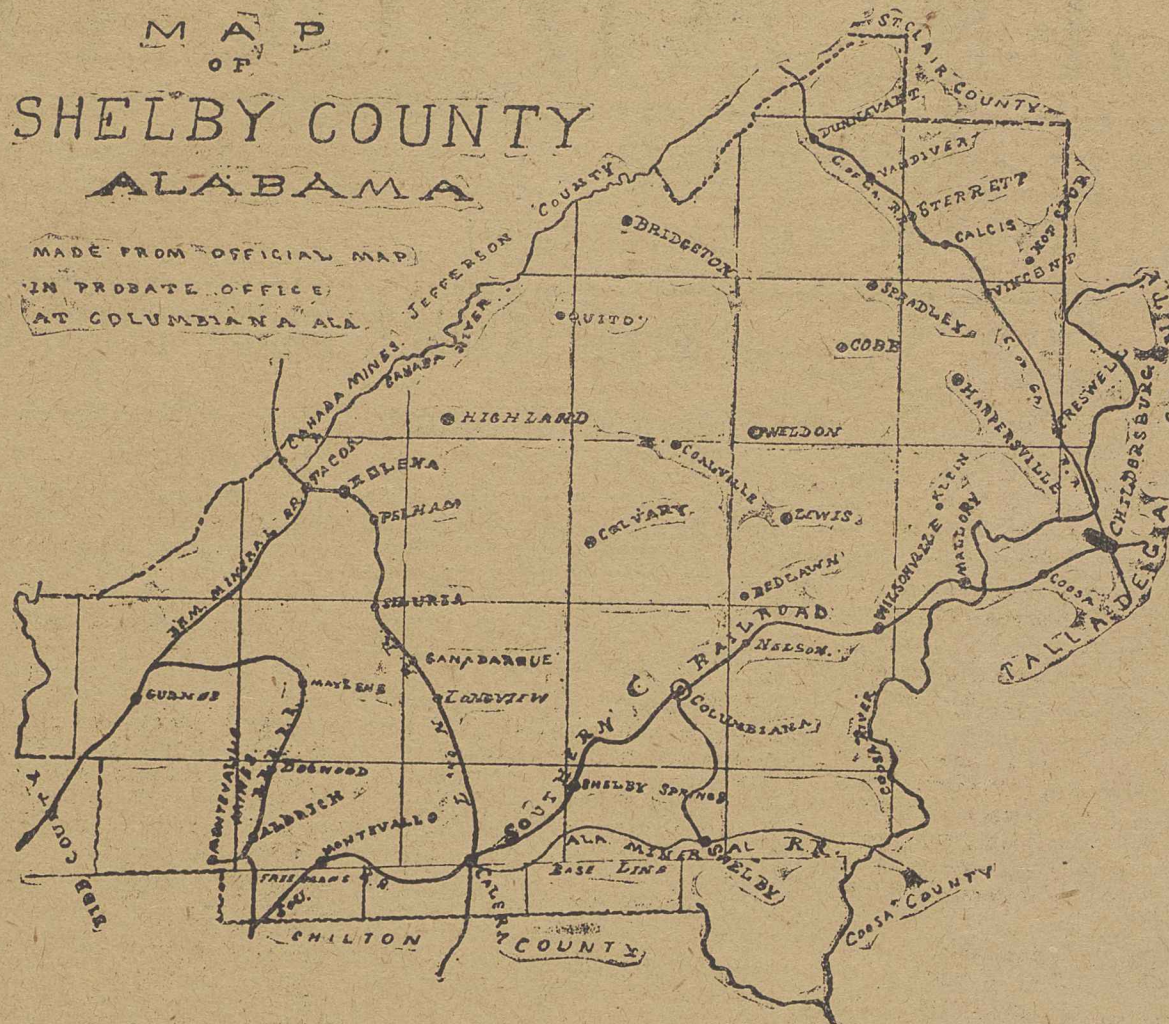
Pay your poll tax before February 1st, if you want to vote in the November election.

A special tax will be levied upon the tax payers of the county by the Commissioners court to help build a courthouse and jail at Calera or at any other point in the county, that is, if it is ever moved from Columbiana. It will take this special tax, and it will take Shelby county a number of years to get out of debt.

We learn that Calera offers a lot on which to build the Courthouse and Jail. What does that amount to? Nothing. It takes money to build Courthouses and Jails, and not vacant lots as Calera proposes to give, and the voters of Shelby county will also find out different if they are called on to help build them.

The Calera News says the people of Calera have arranged to donate to the county the sum of \$5000.00 to be used in building a new Courthouse in the event the voters of the county vote to remove the Courthouse to Calera. The News fails to state with whom the people of Calera have made the arrangement to pay the above sum. Judge Longshore says no arrangements have been made with the commissioners court, and that no arrangements have been made for Calera to pay a dollar. Why don't the News tell where this \$5000.00 is deposited. Promises don't amount to a row of pins. It takes the cold cash to build Courthouses and Jails.

The Calera News in its last issue, says, "In 1902 the Columbiana Courthouse ring did take out of the county treasury \$750.00 to pay lawyers to beat Calera out of the Courthouse in the Constitutional Convention." The above is absolutely false, Columbiana had nothing to do with any appropriation that was made by the Commissioners Court; not a member of the court, except the Probate Judge, lives in ten miles of Columbiana. The News don't tell the truth about the matter. Calera's representative in the Legislature stole the Courthouse from Columbiana and the Columbiana people went down to Montgomery and succeeded in getting the Constitutional Convention to undo the fraud and nullify the removal act.



In 1902 "the Courthouse ring" in Columbiana did agree and had it placed in the New Constitution, that the northeast part of Shelby county should have a Courthouse. This was done to prevent a new county being created in that section of the State—Calera News.

The above from the News is untrue in toto. The people of the upper part of the county got up a petition to defeat the branch Courthouse in that end of the county because a majority of the people up there did not want a branch Courthouse, and Columbiana done all she could to help the people defeat it; it was put in the new constitution over their protests. But the News cant deal in facts, they wont help her cause.

A Card.

Editor Advocate:— I see from the Calera News, a statement that I met a representative of a firm of Courthouse and Jail Architects from New Orleans in Calera on last November. I desire to state that there is not a word of truth in the statement; I never met a representative of a New Orleans house or any other representative in Calera, or elsewhere in reference to building or remodeling a Courthouse at Columbiana or elsewhere; and any statement made by any one to that effect is false in toto. The Calera News seems to be hard up for argument when it hatches up such statements as the above.

A. P. LONGSHORE.

War on the Boll Weevil.

The house of representatives has passed a bill making \$250,000 available for an immediate battle against the boll weevil. No doubt the senate will speedily pass the bill, and then the secretary of agriculture will be free to conduct a very lively campaign against the pest from Central America via Mexico a pest, by the way, whose march has never been stayed, although its historic existence covers two hundred years.

The money is to be taken from an unexpended balance of an appropriation of \$500,000 to fight the foot-and-mouth disease in New England. If \$500,000 was quickly appropriated to protect New England cattle, certainly \$250,000 is not too much to expend to protect the chief export crop of the country.

The pest is destroying cotton in Texas at the rate of at least \$15,000,000 a year, and the secretary of agriculture puts the total loss on account of the pest in Texas at \$100,000,000. The pest has attacked 32 per cent of the cotton acreage of the country, and this acreage grows 37 per cent of the entire crop.

In Cuba, Central America and Mexico the boll weevil has long thrived in wild cotton plants, and it was not until 1892 that it crossed the Rio Grande and began to destroy bolls in Texas. In 1895 it has spread as far as San Antonio, and in 1898 the best cotton counties of Texas harbored the pest. It is now found in 100 counties of the vast state. Thus far no insecticide application has stopped its destructive work. Its natural enemies, if it has any, have not been discovered, and no mechanical processes have proven useful. The secretary of agriculture has faith in a cultural method, and in the present year this method will be developed. The demonstration farms have not, however, indicated more than partial relief, and the great battle lies ahead. The fate of the crop hangs in the effort.—AGE-HERALD.

Qualifications of Voters in Courthouse Election.

To the Voters of Shelby County: In order that there may be no misunderstanding in regard to the qualifications of the voters in the county seat election to be held on February 1st, we deem it proper to state in condensed form the law in reference to same.

A person to be entitled to vote in the Courthouse Election on February 1, 1904, must possess all of the following qualifications:

1. He must be over twenty-one years of age, and must have resided continuously in the State two years, in the county one year and in the precinct in which he offers to vote three months, immediately preceding the election at which he offers to vote, provided, that where he removes from one precinct to another within three months immediately preceding the election, he may vote in the precinct from which he removed, provided he could legally have voted in said precinct had he not removed.
2. He must have legally registered in Shelby county under the New Constitution of 1901.
3. He must have paid his poll tax for 1901 and 1902 (if he was liable for the poll tax of said years or either of them,) and he must have paid said poll tax on or before February 1, 1903, and he must show to the Managers of the election his poll tax receipts for said years; or make oath before the Managers that he has paid said poll tax. Any one falsely making said oath would be guilty of perjury and on conviction would be sentenced to the penitentiary.
4. The following persons are disqualified from voting in said election: All idiots and insane persons, those who were by reason of conviction of crime disqualified from voting at the time of the ratification of the Constitution on Nov. 28th, 1901; those who have been since Nov. 28th, 1901, convicted of treason, murder, arson, embezzlement, malfeasance in office, larceny, receiving stolen property, obtaining money under false pretenses, perjury, subornation of perjury, robbery, assault with intent to rob, burglary, forgery, bribery, assault and battery on wife, bigamy, living in adultery, sodomy, incest, rape, miscegenation, crime against nature, or any crime punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary, or for any infamous crime, or crimes involving moral turpitude, or convicted as a tramp, or vagrant, or of selling or offering to sell his vote, or the vote of another, or of making or offering to make false returns in any election by the people.

JNO. E. MORRIS, Chairman.
J. H. GUNN,
D. R. McMillan,
Board of Commissioners of County Seat Election.

Jealousy grows without feeding on anything.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

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Levied upon as the property of S. H. Wallace, to satisfy said Fi. Fa. in my hands in favor of Birmingham Grain Company.

This 12th day of January, 1904.

R. F. COX, Sheriff.

Call for County Convention.

Resolved, The Chairman and Secretary are hereby authorized and instructed to issue the following call for a County Convention to be held at Calera on the 13th day of February, 1904 at 3 P. M. for the purpose of selecting and electing 8 delegates to represent Shelby county at the Republican State Convention and 8 delegates to represent Shelby county at the fourth Congressional District Republican Convention to be held at Calera on the 23rd day of February; to select and elect a County Chairman and a County Executive Committee; provide for the nomination of county officers and to transact all business that may properly come before it.

Resolved, That precinct or beat meetings shall be held on Monday February first at the time and place designated by the regular precinct or beat chairman. All registered and duly qualified elector who favor republican principles, and who will support our nominees and the action of the County Convention, are invited to participate and no others shall be allowed to take part.

If there is no beat chairman or if no call is made in any precinct or beat, then any qualified republican and those that will act with them in the future may hold a meeting at the usual polling place in the beat, between the hours of 8 A. M. and 5 P. M. on Monday the first day of February and then and there elect the number of delegates apportioned to that beat or precinct to the County Convention to be held at Calera on the 13th day of February.

Resolved, The Chairman or Secretary of the beat or precinct meeting shall immediately on the adjournment of said meeting notify A. F. Hutchings Secretary Aldrich, Ala., of the place of meeting, the number of those that participated therein, the names of those that were selected as delegates, and of any other business that was transacted; to facilitate the making up of the temporary roll of the County Convention.

Resolved, The number of delegates shall be 45 and divided as follows: For each polling box that cast one hundred or more votes for McKinley and Roosevelt in 1900, shall have four delegates for each polling box that cast fifty or more votes, shall be entitled to two delegates, for each remaining beat one delegate, and also one delegate for the new beat No. 19, as follows:

Beat 1 box 1; Beat 1 box 2; Beat 3; Beat 4; Beat 9; Beat 10, box 2; each have four delegates.

Beats 6-7 14-15 16-18 each, have two delegates.

Beats 2-5 8-10 box 2 11-12-13-17 and 19; one delegate each.

Resolved, That the removal of the Courthouse or the non-removal of the same is not and shall not be made a party question by the Republicans of Shelby County.

We hereby issue the above call.

PLEASANT SHAW, Chairman.
A. F. HUTCHINGS, Secy.

"The nicest and pleasantest medicine I have used for indigestion and constipation is Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets," says Melard F. Craig, of Middlegrove, N. Y. "They work like a charm and do not grip or have any unpleasant effect." For sale by Williams Bros.

We print the map of Shelby county again this week in order to show the people how close Calera is to the Chilton county line.

Cold cash warms things up mighty fast when a man is out in the evening.

The boss in politics is no such thing at home, any more than any other man.

If women never wore any hats, they would have just as many by which to measure their social importance.

Once there was a woman who did not believe every word in her love letters; but she never got any.

Lynch.

Sunday school was very well attended Sunday.

L. C. Carter and family visited G. W. Dye and family Sunday.

W. H. Haywood, C. F. and J. Harford Farr attended divine services at Corinth Sunday.

John W. Shaw, of Weldon, was here last week on business.

Misses Minnie Jones and Ella Garrett, of Camp Branch, were the guests of Misses Nancy and Ola Dye Sunday afternoon.

Prof. W. H. Farr transacted business down the "Pike" Sunday afternoon.

Meadow Davis, of Davis School House, visited his brother, C. B. Davis Sunday.

H. Moore made a trip to Columbiana Saturday.

There has been quite a lot of moving in our town recently, G. W. Dye has moved to his new residence, C. B. Davis has also moved to his new residence, and Henry and Will Davis have moved to the residence vacated by C. B. Davis.

The young people had quite an enjoyable entertainment at the residence of W. E. Payne Tuesday night.

Edgar and Elmer McGiboney, of near Columbiana, attended the entertainment Tuesday night.

Charley Sammons, of Texas, attended the entertainment here Tuesday night.

From the way a certain young man has been ordering glassware we are expecting to see another new house, and of course eat yellow bread, ere long. How about it Robert?

Prof. John M. Dye and family visited his fathers family Saturday night and Sunday.

Well, my friend Romeo seems afraid of Agricola and Lynch especially. In justice to our community, we will state that we have good roads, (all reports to the contrary, not with standing,) good land, good water, a healthy location, and last, but not least, fine people. Since studying the matter over carefully Lynch has decided not to enter the race, consequently we will give our entire voting strength to aid Columbiana. We hope this will satisfy Romeo, who seems disturbed and we also hope he will withdraw Shelby Springs from the race, for our people are too conservative to allow a \$100,000 burden to be imposed upon them, even to beautify the grove of which Romeo speaks. Seriously, this is a grave issue and it behooves us to stop and think before we vote, and consider whether it will redound to the good of the majority of the people to remove the Courthouse of Shelby county. I feel that if we consult the interest of the people we will vote against removal.

Now, let us form another new years resolution, and resolute by the grace of God, to amend our lives and to make this the best year of our lives; let us strive for all things which make for peace, and thus prove ourselves better men, women and children than ever before. So note it.

There was a singing at Mr. Garrett's Sunday night.

O. V. Farr, of Wilsonville, spent Sunday and Monday with relatives here.

We are pained to chronicle the death of our venerable friend, J. S. Farrell, of Calvary. He was a good citizen. To the bereaved widow and children we extend our sincere sympathy. May the One who bore the sins of a wicked world, comfort them in this their sad hour of affliction.

The singing at the residence of R. J. Farr's Sunday night was a success.

AGRICOLA.

FOR EXAMPLE.

The world is plentifully supplied with pessimists who prefer to see in the industrial evolution of the time a steady and progressive contraction in the field of opportunity open to young men. The young man himself is prone to lamentations because he is unable to see before him such opportunities as were open years ago to his father and his grandfather for making careers and building fortunes. The circumstance that the father and grandfather in question pretty generally failed to take advantage of the opportunities which were open to them and that the value of such opportunities then—as they have been ever since—were left to the discerning few for demonstration, ought to have a certain educational value to the young man who is just starting in life. He should give himself a little self-examination.

There is no dearth of opportunities in this country for young men. They are more plentiful and more easily availed of than at any time in the history of this country. The place for their development has simply shifted to new fields. While it is no longer possible to trade a pair of boots for the site of the city of Chicago, nor buy up square miles of mineral and timber lands in the North for a song, a few generations hence stories of fabulous wealth, based upon modest investments in the great undeveloped

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South, will sound as apocryphal as many of those relating to the development of other sections in years past, which are nevertheless true.

A technical journal a few years ago published a statement relating to a valuable undeveloped mineral section in a Southern State, portraying very glowingly, and at the same time very truthfully, a wonderful resource with all the essential accessories convenient and available for manufacturing a great staple product cheaper than it could be made in any part of the world. The article was reproduced in other journals and excited a passive interest in the minds of perhaps a million readers. A leading financier, much given to epigram, once remarked; "Some men may be coaxed into a good thing; the others have to be driven." It was several years later, and not until after the great find had been trumpeted a round the world several times, that a man susceptible of being coaxed into becoming the pioneer of a tremendously good thing, came forward and developed it. Of course thousands followed, and a great industrial center was ushered into existence.

Appetite wears out like everything else, if you use it too much.

It's terrible upsetting the way a woman's eye can tell a man to keep on while her lips tell him to stop.

Next to being pretty herself, a woman would had rather have her next best friend not be.

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R. F. COX, Sheriff.

THE PEOPLE'S ADVOCATE

SOCIAL AND LOCAL NEWS.

W. M. Connell, of beat 2, was in town Friday.

W. A. Tallant, of Calera, was in town Saturday.

W. D. Bailey, of Vincent, was in the city Monday.

W. A. Brasher, of Vandiver, was in town Saturday.

J. E. Strickland, of Wilton, spent Sunday in the city.

Edgar Cary, of Montevallo, was in the city Saturday.

There are now seventeen prisoners in the county jail.

S. W. Pardue, of Longview, was in the city Saturday.

J. L. Peters was in Montevallo Sunday and Monday.

Prof. L. B. Riddle, of Longview, was in town Saturday.

B. L. Brasher, of Birmingham, was in the city Monday.

There are several cases of measles in the city at present.

Mrs. C. W. O'Hara visited relatives at Saginaw this week.

The Columbiana Graded School is in a flourishing condition.

George Porter, of Calera, was in the city a short while Friday.

Sheriff Cox made a business trip over to Birmingham Thursday.

R. W. Cobb, of Birmingham, was in the city Thursday and Friday.

There was quite a crowd in town Monday attending the justice court.

Mrs. J. I. Abercrombie was on the sick list Saturday and Sunday.

James Evans and family, of Wilsonville, spent Sunday in the city.

Sam Wallace, of Klein, spent Sunday in the city with relatives.

Commissioner Kendrick, of beat 8, was in town Friday on business.

Go to the School House Saturday night, Jan. 30th, for a good time.

Marion Roy, of Siluria, was among the visitors in town Friday.

Mrs. C. A. Carter, of Shelby, spent a few hours in the city Friday.

Miss Viola Hallmark, of Wilsonville, visited relatives here this week.

Mrs. J. H. Robertson, who has been sick for several days, is improving.

Mrs. M. F. Johnson, of Bessemer, visited relatives here a few days last week.

Commissioner Shaw and J. E. Mahan, of Aldrich, were in the city Saturday.

Dr. W. P. Hamner, who has been sick for several days, is able to be out again.

Miss Onzell Verchot returned Monday from a visit to friends at Piper, Ala.

Henry Latham spent a part of Sunday and Monday in Montevallo with relatives.

Rev. W. J. D. Upshaw filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday.

W. J. Sewell and T. B. Holcombe, of Weldon, were among the visitors in town Saturday.

John Walthall, of Birmingham, was in the city Monday and Tuesday visiting friends.

H. Moore, of Lynch, gave us a call Saturday and paid his subscription to the Advocate.

Misses Maggie and Ethel Mason, of Wilsonville, visited relatives here Sunday and Monday.

I. P. O. Horton, of Redlawn, was in the city Friday and paid his subscription to the Advocate.

Columbiana now has a telephone exchange extending to several stores and residences in the city.

Mrs. A. Friedberger, who has been visiting relatives in the city, returned to her home in Talladega Monday.

Miss Carrie Rowe, who is teaching school up at Creswell, visited relatives in the city Saturday and Sunday.

County court will convene on Monday, February the 15th, instead of the 21st, as was stated in our last issue.

The Dunbar Hand Bell Ringers and Male Quartet Company will appear at the School House Saturday night, Jan. 30th.

Miss Hannah Caldwell, after spending several days with relatives in the city, returned to her home at Harpersville Thursday.

A mass meeting of the Lilly White Republicans that met in Calera on Jan. 16th, was postponed to meet in Columbiana on Feb. 6th, 1904. They request that all who are in favor of the movement in Shelby county to attend this meeting on the above date at Columbiana.

County Court Jurors.

The following is a list County Court Jurors drawn to serve at the February term, which convenes on the 15th of said month:

C. L. Meroney, J. D. Galaway, W. A. Blackerby, J. H. Wilder, J. B. McLaughlin, John Cunningham, W. T. Seale, T. R. Robertson, R. E. Bowdon, B. F. Smith, T. E. Davis, G. F. Fulton, L. R. Sewell, W. P. Ryan, J. D. Farrington, J. T. Lynch, J. T. Pilgreen, E. L. Christian, E. W. Fields, J. G. Walker, Irwin Wingard, Geo. F. Wyatt, J. W. Howard, R. S. Hill.

J. B. Pitts and wife visited relatives at Wilsonville Tuesday.

J. P. Pearson killed a 11-months old pig on last Friday that weighed 410 pounds.

We are sorry to state that Mrs. Leroy Woodall is quite sick at her home in Shelby with pneumonia.

Miss Emma Hanna, of Greensboro, and Miss Lillian Hanna, of Marion, are the guests of Miss Edna Nelson.

Ralph Dunbar's cello playing was alone worth the price of admission. He left the audience binging for more.—Wichita Eagle.

Several of our young people went down to Shelby Tuesday night to see the sights at the furnace and take a ride on the merry-go-round. They report a nice time.

Mr. Richard Elliott and Miss Pearl Seale were married at Shelby on last Saturday night. Mr. Elliott is a son of our fellow citizen, "Uncle Jeff" Elliott and is well known to us all. The Advocate wishes them much prosperity through life's journey.

The most novel and versatile company now before the public, The Dunbar Hand Bell Ringers and Male Quartet Company, with their magnificent peal of More Than One Hundred Musical Hand Bells, cast by England's greatest bell founder, specially for this Company, will appear at the School House in Columbiana, Saturday night, Jan. 30th.

Mr. J. S. Farrell, a well known citizen of this county, died at his home a few miles north of this city last Saturday night. He was 74 years old, and had been sick for quite awhile. He was a good citizen, and was the father of Supt. Farrell of our town. His remains were laid to rest in the Calvary cemetery Monday. The Advocate extends sympathy to the bereaved family.

Mrs. Olive Millstead, wife of Rev. H. M. Millstead, died at their home in this city about 12 o'clock Wednesday. She had been suffering of cancer for a long time and her death comes not as a surprise to our people, though the news of the death of this good lady will be received with deep regret. She leaves a husband and seven children, besides a great many other immediate relatives to mourn her death. Mrs. Millstead was a pious christian lady and bore her afflictions with great christian fortitude, and seemed at all times, willing and ready to answer the call of her Master. Her remains were interred in the city cemetery here today, Thursday. The Advocate extends deepest sympathy to the bereaved family and relatives.

ESTRAYED.

One 4 year old yellow cow, with large bell on; one 4 year old red looking cow; three 3 year old red looking steers; one black tan, 1 year old jersey bull calf; two black spotted, three year old heifers, one with bell on; one black 2 year old bull; two white spotted, three year old heifers, one moody; one red, with white back and belly 2 year old heifer; one red looking, three year old heifer, very small to age; one frosty looking 2 year old steer, ear mark of last 8 swallow fork and under split in each ear, also bob tail; ear mark of first 6 unknown. Information to all or any one of this cattle will be amply rewarded.

SAM. W. PARDUE, Longview, Ala. January 16th, 1904.

DISLOCATED HER SHOULDER.

Mrs. Johanna Soderholm, of Fergus Falls, Minn., fell and dislocated her shoulder. She had a surgeon to get it back in place as soon as possible, but it was quite sore and pained her very much. Her son mentioned that he had seen Chamberlain's Pain Balm advertised for sprains and soreness, and she asked him to buy her a bottle of it, which he did. It quickly relieved her and enabled her to sleep which she had not done for several days. The son was so much pleased with the relief it gave his mother that he has since recommended it to many others. For sale by Williams Bros.

For a bad taste in the mouth take a few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Price 25 cents. Warranted to cure. For sale by Williams Bros.

The thing that makes a man want to kiss a girl is that it is something he wouldn't want to do if they were married.

WONDERFUL NERVE.

Is displayed by many a man enduring pains of accidental Cuts, Wounds, Bruises, Burns, Scalds, Sore feet or stiff joints. But there's no need for it. Bucken's Arnica Salve will kill the pain and cure the trouble. It's the best Salve on earth for Piles, 25c, at Williams Bros., Druggists.

Weldon.

Dr. B. H. Smothers, of Redlawn, was in our town on business Thursday.

Rev. J. E. Sampley filled his regular appointment at Union Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Ida Blackerby, of Fourmile, is visiting the family of Rev. A. C. Messer.

J. W. Blackerby was very ill last week, but we are glad to state that he is convalescent at this writing.

Geo. W. Shaw, of Mt. Calvary, was in our community one day last week on business.

D. M. Wallace and little son Jasper transacted business at Shelby one day not long ago.

R. C. Walton, of Birmingham, is visiting his parents here, much to the delight of Miss Ada.

F. A. Eubanks paid Columbiana a flying business trip Friday last.

Prof. W. L. Spearman, of Redlawn, spent Saturday and Sunday in the city with his parents.

Mrs. J. T. Bozeman and children, of East Lake, are visiting Mrs. Bozeman's parents in our community.

The singing at the residence of J. S. Walton Friday night was a grand success.

Rev. B. C. Hughes had the misfortune of getting his residence and all of its contents burned Friday. We think every one should come up like a man and help the minister in this his sad hour of grief.

Claudia P. Owen has accepted a position with T. A. Eubanks as farmer.

The farmers are beginning to hustle early and late; now I am afraid they will plant too much cotton and not enough corn.

Marion Walton transacted business in Columbiana twice last week for our merchant J. E. Adams.

If the people would turn their attention to farming and let the Courthouse question go to guinea, they would be a nation sight better off I think.

Prof. J. C. Harper has a flourishing school at Weldon Hill. We like his method of teaching very well.

Our community can boast of having four R. F. D. Mail boxes. Its too fine to see so many improvements in progress.

J. E. Blackerby and Miss Alice Spearman, of Fourmile, were in our community Sunday.

Walton Baldwin and Belver Poindester, of Beeswax, were in the city Sunday dear hunting we suppose.

Rev. A. C. Messer visited relatives and friends in Talladega county last week.

Green B. Henderson was buried at Union Sunday. We extend heart felt sympathy to the bereaved family.

Amos Bradley was the happy guest of Miss Daisy Belle Messer Sunday afternoon.

Sylvester Shaw and family have moved to Coosa county their future home.

Mrs. J. S. Walton visited relatives in Birmingham apart of last week.

Coon Adams, of Birmingham, visited his parents and friends here last week.

The Sunday school at Union is progressing nicely with J. W. Shaw, as superintendent. May the good work go on.

Ben Dickerson and Mr. Grant, of Calois, were in the city a short while Friday on business.

We had a letter from a gentleman in Mississippi last week saying that he raised 5,000 bushels of corn, 1,000 tons of hay, 245 bales of cotton. If this isn't farming I don't know what farming is. He is a relative of the writer and begs him to come to him. We are going.

His Majesty Wild Bill was the escort was the escort of Miss-at Union Sunday. Gollie! I've gone and told. Oh! Do forgive me.

The class meeting at the residence of D. W. Sharbutt Sunday afternoon, did very well.

WILD BILL.

You can't have too much of a good thing unless it's a wife.

A VERY CLOSE CALL.

"I stuck to my engine, although every joint ached and every nerve was racked with pain," writes C. W. Bellamy, a locomotive fireman of Burlington, Iowa. "I was weak and pale, without any appetite and all run down. As I was about to give up, I got a bottle of Electric Bitters, and after taking it, I felt as well as I ever did in my life." Weak, sickly, run down people always gain new life, strength and vigor from their use. Try them. Satisfaction guaranteed by Williams Bros., Price 50c.

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Druggists, 50c. Ask for Cook Book Free.
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Longview and Camp Branch.

Our school is progressing smoothly and pleasantly.

The Star Route Postal Service is showing a great increase in business within the last fiscal year and we would speed the day when all Rural Districts will be supplied by Rural Free Deliveries instead of so many local Post Offices. Why can't every community have an R. F. D. We pay for it and we need his service, and by rights it is ours, why not let us have it.

Mr. Scott, of Faulkville, Ala., is visiting his son, G. L. Scott at Longview.

Mrs. L. B. Riddle and Miss Grace Evans visited their sister Mrs. Henry Wilson at South Camp Branch Friday.

Mrs. S. D. Pardue, who has been right sick, is convalescing.

Marion F. Hataway, of East Saginaw, visited his nephew, Mr. Hughes on Camp Branch Friday night.

S. W. Pardue, F. M. Evans and L. B. Riddle transacted business in Columbiana Saturday.

Miss Elva Spencer, of Calera, who has been visiting here several days returned home last week.

And Calera wants a new School house, water works, an Electric plant and a new Courthouse and Jail. The former she needs no doubt, but the latter she can and must do without. (Say the voters and taxpayers of Shelby county.)

Said one man, "Our children can not live to see Shelby county out of debt after Calera gains the courthouse," said another, who is even very wise, "Our children will hardly ever live to see the courthouse moved to Calera."

He that willfully refuses to pay his poll tax when he owes it, certainly will and should be forever debarred from the polls.

"Wild Bill," what do you have to say about the courthouse project? Have all your people agreed in beat 11 to leave it where it is?

Away with Lynch and Shelby Springs, as well as Calera, and leave the courthouse where it is.

The Democratic candidates all seem very anxious and are coming out almost thick, and yet we notice there are some offices to which there are no aspirants. Who next?

"We should profit by the mistakes of others," and did you notice the letter from the Hon. J. J. Harlan; think of what they did and take warning in time to save that excessive tax. Read the venerable, E. A. Bentley's letters. They are from one of our oldest and most reliable citizens, and full of good advice to the tax payers of old Shelby county.

Dargin is within four miles of Calera and ten miles of Columbiana, and we notice she is for Columbiana. That's a business view of the situation.

A CITIZEN.

It is exceptional to find a family where there are no domestic ruptures occasionally, but these can be lessened by having Dr. King's New Life Pills around. Much trouble they save by their great work in Stomach and Liver troubles. They not only relieve you, but cure. 25c, at Williams Bros., Drug Store.

It's terrible clever the way women, when they start to get on a street car, can act as if they were going to show something interesting and then not do it.

GROUP.

The peculiar cough which indicates croup, is usually well known to the mothers of croupy children. No time should be lost in the treatment of it, and for this purpose no medicine has received more universal approval than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Do not waste valuable time in experimenting with untried remedies, no matter how highly they may be recommended, but give this medicine as directed and all symptoms of croup will quickly disappear. For sale by Williams Bros.

Coalville.

Sunday school was well attended Sunday at Liberty.

Flora and Birtie Kendrick attended preaching at Pleasant Valley Sunday last.

W. A. Wilder made a business trip to Birmingham last Friday.

Ollie Holcombe attended service at Pleasant Valley Sunday.

J. D. Adkinson and W. P. Gilbert went to Vincent Sunday to visit relatives and friends.

W. A. Wilder, who bought R. H. Blackerby's sawmill some time ago intends to boom the saw mill interest at this place. We hope he will be successful in his attempts.

John Ray, who has been working for W. A. Wilder, returned home last Friday.

W. W. Kendrick says he is going back to Leeds the first opportunity.

Say, Flora don't look so sad, George says he is going to try again.

General Patton was the guest of Miss Bertie K. Saturday night.

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FOR SALE OR HIRE.

Three yoke of oxen and one dray. For particulars apply to H. S. Shaw, South Calera, Ala.

The way to make a woman happy is to be sure she is awake and then, pretending you think she is asleep, to kiss her softly, as if you did not want her to know it.

Dargin.

Health of community very good with few exceptions.

Rev Black preached an interesting sermon to a large congregation Sunday.

A. C. Leonard and wife attended services at Dargin Sunday.

J. M. Baker visited relatives near Saginaw Sunday.

Dock Lyons and wife and A. M. Richards went to Calera Saturday.

J. S. Evans, R. E. Powers and family, and Mrs. Lynch visited T. M. Duncan Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Bailey, of Camp Branch, visited Mrs. Lyons Sunday.

Mr. Frank Harless and family visited Mick Evans Sunday.

Deputy Sheriff H. M. Norris was in our town last Friday.

Mrs. Duncan and Mrs. Richards visited Mrs. Lyons Friday afternoon.

C. H. O'Neal transacted business in Birmingham one day last week.

Rev. Black and daughter taken dinner with Mr. Leonard Sunday.

Sunday being the first pretty day we have had for some time, quite a number of people, old and young, were out enjoying the bright sunshine and spring like weather.

Mrs. O'Neal has been on the sick list for a few days. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

Walter Crim section foreman for the L. & N. at this place has been transferred to the Montgomery yard. Mr. Cook will take his place.

John Murphy went to Calera Saturday evening.

Very little done towards farming in this community.

A new case of smallpox is reported at Calera, the proper care should be taken to quarantine such cases. We understand that no notice is taken in regard to quarantine, or display of signal as required.

T. M. Duncan went to Sylacauga Sunday in answer to a summons from his brother, who is very sick.

If the Courthouse Election was 30 days off Calera would not be in it a little bit. Columbiana is gaining ground every day. It does look like a man that would think the matter over carefully could see that a few men, who own property in and around Calera are working for their "pockets," not the people, if they could increase the value of their property in any other way the Courthouse could go too the "Phillipine Islands" or some where else for naught they care, but they will wake up after the first day of February and shake themselves and each other, and go to, Columbiana to court as usual for several years, perhaps ages to come.

Success to the Advocate.

BUFFALO BILL.

SAVED FROM TERRIBLE DEATH.

The family of Mrs. M. L. Bobbitt, of Bargerton, Tenn., saw her dying and were powerless to save her. The most skillful physicians and every remedy used, failed, while consumption was slowly but surely taking her life. In this terrible hour Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption turned despair into joy. The first bottle brought immediate relief and its continued use completely cured her. It's the most certain cure in the world for all throat and lung troubles. Guaranteed Bottles 50c and \$1.00. Trial Bottles Free at Williams Bros., Drug Store.

Dunnavant.

Health very good at this place.

We had a nice rain Saturday.

We are sorry to hear that J. O. Dorrough is on the sick list. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

W. H. Morrow was in our town Saturday.

E. R. Isbell is erecting a large sawmill at this place.

Warren Brothers, prominent lumber men of this place, went to Birmingham Friday on business.

Lewis Morgan contemplates on moving to Woodlawn. He has got a position with the Southern Bell Telephone Co. We hope for him much success.

S. L. Phillips killed some fine hogs the other day. It's a nice thing to have plenty of meat they say, as he has not had any experience with that kind of stuff.

We have a flourishing school at this place, and it seems to be very nicely conducted by the teacher, Prof. J. O. Dorrough.

The farmers of this section are making preparations to plant a large cotton crop this year. It may take a lot of cotton to bring a little money next fall.

I would like to see the people of this place come out and organize a good Sunday school for the benefit of the children, as it would be a great thing for them and their parents.

John McGill, of Vandiver, was in our town one day last week.

Will Gadas, of Leeds, was in our town Tuesday.

J. L. Tinney, a well known man in this locality and many others, is erecting a sawmill near this place.

OLD COUNTRY.

Nothing gets on a person's nerves so much as to have some one else around who has that kind of nerves, too.

W. B. Browne, President.

W. L. Farley, Cashier.

COLUMBIANA SAVINGS BANK.

Statement of Condition January 1, 1904.

RESOURCES.	LIABILITIES.
Loans and Discounts \$ 16,782.77	Capital Stock \$15,000.00
Bank building, fixtures 7,000.00	Deposits 52,639.61
Other Real Estate 3,000.00	Due Banks 2,263.00
Cash & with other banks 43,119.84	
Total \$69,902.61	Total \$69,902.61

I, W. L. FARLEY, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

MRS. COL. GRESHAM Was Given Up BY THE DOCTORS. Peru-na Saved Her Life

It was catarrh of the lungs so common in the winter months.



MISS JENNIE DRISCOLL

Miss Jennie Driscoll, 870 Putnam Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., writes: "If people knew how efficient Peru-na was in the cure of catarrh, they would not hesitate to try it. I have all the faith in the world in it as it cured me, and I have never known of a case when the person was not cured in a short time."

Mrs. Col. E. J. Gresham, Treasurer Daughters of the Confederacy and President Herndon Village Improvement Society, writes the following letter from Herndon, Fairfax Co., Va.:

Gentlemen:—"I cannot speak too highly of the value of Peru-na. I believe that I owe my life to its wonderful merits. I suffered with catarrh of the head and lungs in its worst form, until the doctors fairly gave me up, and I despaired of ever getting well again. "I noticed your advertisement and the splendid testimonials given by the people who had been cured by Peru-na, and determined to try a bottle. I felt but little better, but used a second and third bottle and kept on improving slowly. "It took six bottles to cure me, but they were worth a King's ransom to me. I talk Peru-na to all my friends and am a true believer in its worth."

A PLAIN TALK On a Plain Subject in Plain Language. The coming winter will cause at least one-half of the women to have catarrh, colds, coughs, pneumonia or consumption. Thousands of women will lose their lives and tens of thousands will acquire some chronic ailment from which they will never recover. Unless you take the necessary precautions, the chances are that you (who read this) will be one of the unfortunate ones. Little or no risk need be run if Peru-na is kept in the house, and at the first appearance of any symptom of catarrh taken as directed on the bottle. Peru-na is a safeguard, a preventative, a specific is a cure for all cases of catarrh, acute and chronic, coughs, colds, consumption, etc. If you do not receive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peru-na, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis. Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, Ohio.

WINCHESTER REPEATING RIFLES. No matter what your preferences are about a rifle, some one of the eight different Winchester models will suit you. Winchester Rifles are made in calibers suitable for shooting any game, from rabbits to grizzly bears, and in many styles and weights. Whichever model you select, you can count on its being well made and finished, reliable in action and a strong, accurate shooter.

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AT EVENING. Thus as I stood, bereft of Hope A light came from afar— Uncertain first it shone on me— The first faint Evening Star. Oh, little star of hope and love Ascending in the sky, Sending your message pure and true To wanderers such as I. The moon rose from her silver couch The grayness passed away, The path across the restless sea Was clear as in the day. The star had bid me trust again, And bow beneath the rod, The moonlight shows the road is so That leads the way to God. —Maude M. C. Foulkes

THE COURTSHIP OF BUBBLES. A Poetical Interlude in the Life of One Devoted to His Profession.

My friend, Bobby Bubbles, the reporter for the Daily Steam Whistle, has never had anything to say in praise of poets. He, a practical newspaper man, who sees things as they are and then simply photographs with his pen, so to speak, has no use for poetical coloring.

But since the affair with Dora Potter he absolutely hates poets. For the poet Crane is to blame for a whole misfortune according to Bubbles' view. In began in a most harmless way, just like the Chicago fire and other disasters. On one of those moist, sticky, summer days Bubbles was sitting in the restaurant of Mayer & Mayer devouring his luncheon. I purposely do not say he ate his lunch. He did not eat, but devoured, because he was always afraid that something might be happening somewhere without his knowing it.

"Ah, Bubbles, how are you?" said a voice suddenly. "Will you allow me?" and Crane, the poet, seated himself without more ado at the same table. He had just received \$10 for a poem and thought he would celebrate. "You are in bad spirits, my dear Bubbles," "Heavens, yes, this change of weather, and nothing doing, nothing at all!" "Why don't you go into the country, old fellow? Take a two weeks vacation and come with me. I am going to Mamaronegg in the Schanzunk mountains. Oh, you ought to see it!"

And between the chicken and the stowed pears he pictured the delights of Mamaronegg as only a poet could. Bubbles could really hear the trees rustling and the birds singing, and he smelled the spicy mountain air. "I guess you are right," said Bubbles, as he stirred his coffee, and collected his strength. "Well, I will get leave of absence and go with you. We can drive together, row, fish, only don't ask me to write poetry, I draw the line at that."

The business manager of the Daily Steam Whistle granted Bubbles the desired vacation with pleasure. Two days after the poet and reporter were in Mamaronegg sitting in a little white hotel with green window blinds and a red roof. There were only a few people in the hotel, among them a young lady, Dora Potter, a small but spirited widow of some twenty summers, who was always smiling and working on a silk necktie for some unmarried gentleman. That was her delight.

When Crane and Bubbles had registered their names in the front room, the ardent Dora appeared and looked to see what their names were, where they came from and what they were. She suspected she might put both young men on the necktie list. "Literary men!" she murmured, delighted. "Charming!" She had a weakness for such people. They appeared hugely interesting to her, for they wrote of love. Crane, the poet, the famous Bubbles who had accomplished unheard of journalistic feats? Who had been a hansom driver for two weeks in order to describe his experience with his patrons? Who asked the Vanderbilts for a sleeping room and breakfast whereupon they put him in the lunatic asylum, the life and workings of which he described? Who served Paderewski in the hotel as a waiter, and published a most witty account of it?

Yes it was he. This little man with the red hair and the freckles was the great Bubbles. From now on she had only one desire, to know the man and to make him a silk necktie. The opportunity to become acquainted offered itself the next morning when he went out on the veranda.

The next day he invited her with Crane to take a walk, and on the third she began to like him. Crane was quite enthusiastic about Dora. While she was making the tie for Bubbles, Crane was composing a poem about her in which he extolled her as Venus of the necktie.

"Bubbles," said he, as they were walking through the quiet village one evening. "Bubbles, go ahead! The deuce! such a fine woman and money, too; \$8000 a year income to live on! She told me that in strictest confidence."

"Folly!" replied Bubbles. "I marry!" but he smiled as he said it. Bubbles went ahead on a shimmering, fragrant, moonlight night. The bullfrogs were singing on the banks, and the notes of "Way Down Upon the Suwanee River" floated down from a hotel where a troupe of minstrels were singing.

Dora sat in the boat looking at Bubbles and smiling. In the moonlight she was bewitching. It was too much for Bubbles. When they had returned to the hotel and Bubbles was on the way to his room he met Crane. "I have gone and done it!" said Bubbles. "Ah, I congratulate you, my dear boy," replied Crane. "And you will let me dine with you every Sunday later, will you not?"

ALL DONE OUT. Veteran Joshua Heller, of 706 South Walnut street, Urbana, Ill., says: "In the fall of 1890 after taking Doan's Kidney Pills I testified that they had relieved me of kidney trouble, disposed of a lame back with pain across my loins and beneath the shoulder blades. During the interval which has elapsed I have had occasion to resort to Doan's Kidney Pills when I noticed warnings of an attack. On each and every occasion the results obtained were just as satisfactory as when the pills were first brought to my notice. I must emphatically endorse the preparation to-day as I did over two years ago."

Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., proprietors. For sale by all druggists, price 50 cents per box. The use of federal power to compel the Texan railroads to employ automatic car couplers is just and humane. Many lives are still sacrificed every year in coupling cars by hand, a process which is as unnecessary as it is hazardous.

2,000,000 Italians in France. There are 2,000,000 Italians in France, chiefly engaged in artistic, educative or laboring pursuits. Most of them are found in the eastern, especially in the southeastern departments, but they are scattered all through the country. On the other hand, there are only 10,000 French in Italy—London Globe.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured. With LOCAL APPLICATIONS as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. It is prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHERNEY & Co., Props., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, price, 50 cents per bottle. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation. Wealth of Human Bones. On a grave in a cemetery at Chichester, England, there is a wreath which at first glance appears to be a coral. In reality it is composed of human bones. The bones were collected during his travels by the deceased, who carved them with a penknife, and formed them into the wreath which now adorns his grave.

THE ENGLISH BRICK MYTH. Colonial Houses Built of the Native Article. At a recent meeting of the Columbia Historical Society in Washington, George Alfred Townsend ("Gath") read a paper on the prevalent belief that many of the houses of Colonial times were built of brick imported from England.

Throughout the Atlantic seaboard this myth has held sway for many years past, and nothing is commoner than the assertion that such and such a house "is very old; built in Colonial times of brick from England." The facts that brick were not extensively manufactured in England until the reign of William the First; that the ships of those days were small and carried only such things as were absolutely necessary for the colonists, and that the latter made their own bricks, just as they cut their own wood and cured their winter's supply of bacon, should be sufficient proof, said the speaker, of the unlikelihood of the colonists importing their building material from abroad.

These facts were brought out in the strongest possible light in Mr. Townsend's paper. He showed that such was the scarcity of brick in the England of the days from the Tudors to the House of Orange that the word occurs only once in Shakespeare. He further cited abundant proofs from the history of early America to justify his conclusion that there is not a single building in Virginia, Maryland or Pennsylvania built of English brick, and that the only structure of English brick in the District is that part of the Library of Congress which is known as the court and which was built of cream colored porcelain brick from Leeds, England.

In New England, he stated, there are one or two buildings of English bricks, the proof of which is indisputable, but it is doubtful if there are any buildings in New York made of brick imported from Holland.

J. H. GREEN'S SONS, of Atlanta, Ga., are the only successful Dropsy Specialists in the world. Send their free offer in advertisement in another column of this paper. The world will forgive a man almost anything except failure.

In Emmans County, Dakota, We can break 100 acres this spring, sow it to Salzer's Flax and reap enough to pay for your land, etc., having a fine farm free the first year. Have to such pieces for sale. John A. Salzer Seed Co., [A.C.L.] La Crosse, Wis.

The secret of popularity is always to remember what to forget. JUNE TINT BUTTER COLOR makes top of the market butter. All things come to those who stop waiting and go after them.

Pink's Cure for Consumption is an infallible medicine for coughs and colds. N. W. SAMUEL, Ocean Grove, N. J., Feb. 17, 1900. The lazy man would rather sit down and hope than go after a certainty.

Quit Coughing. Why cough, when for 25c and this notice you get 25 doses of an absolutely guaranteed cough cure in tablet form, postpaid. Dr. Scrivner Co., La Crosse, Wis. [A.C.L.] A woman will forgive a man anything except his refusal to ask forgiveness.

Wonderful Statistics. When it is considered that the percentage of deaths from consumption is 91 per thousand against 63 per thousand of any other malady, how important to guard against a slight cold. Taylor's Cherry Remedy of Sweet Gum and Mallein is the great medicine for coughs, colds and consumption. At druggists, 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 a bottle.

A woman's idea of a compliment is to name her baby after a rich relation. Slaughter on American Railroads. "The British Parliament would not stand for a day the slaughter that goes on upon the railroads of America," said John Burns, the famous labor member of Parliament, in a recent London speech. His words are emphasized by the fact that last Saturday thirty-two people were killed on our railroads by accidents that might have been prevented.

Race Suicide Again. The other day when Dr. Benjamin Andrews warned society that culture was becoming obscured and that there were dark ages ahead, he declared, among other things, that there was no fear that our population was too small, but much that it was losing virility. He said he hoped that President Roosevelt would take early occasion to amend his plea for swelling the census, by urging quality of population as more to be desired than number, "thus undoing a little of the incalculable evil his recent words on this subject have wrought among the poor and thoughtless." Dr. Andrews seems somewhat over-confident about this evil that has been done. Exhortation is not a lasting means of producing a rapid increase of population. Hard facts, like the cost of maintenance, may be trusted to check any such tendency before it has become an evil, calculable or otherwise.—Harper's

COMMODORE NICHOLSON OF OUR NAVY

Recommends Peru-na—Other Prominent Men Testify.



Commodore Somerville Nicholson, of the United States Navy, in a letter from 1837 R St., N. W., Washington, D. C., says: "Your Peru-na has been and is now used by so many of my friends and business as a sure cure for catarrh that I am convinced of its curative qualities, and I unhesitatingly recommend it to all persons suffering from that complaint."—S. Nicholson. The highest men in our nation have given Peru-na a strong endorsement. Men of all classes and stations are equally recommended. If you do not derive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peru-na, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case, and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis. Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, O. Ask Your Druggist for a free Peru-na Almanac for 1904.

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"I have been using Cascarets for Insomnia, with which I have been afflicted for over twenty years, and I can say that Cascarets has given me more relief than any other remedy I have ever tried. I shall certainly recommend them to my friends as being all they are represented to be."—Thos. Gillard, Elgin, Ill.

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Cotton Must Have Potash. Potash is an essential plant food which must be added as a fertilizer or the soil will become exhausted, as is true of so many cotton fields. We have books giving valuable details about the benefits of Potash. We will send them free to any farmer who asks us for them. GERMANN KALI WORKS, New York—92 Nassau Street, or Atlanta, Ga.—285 So. Broad St.

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Large RED GLOBE. Mrs. Elizabeth H. Thompson, of Lilydale, N.Y., Grand Worthy Wise Templar, and Member of W.C.T.U., tells how she recovered by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I am one of the many of your grateful friends who have been cured through the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and who can to-day thank you for the fine health I enjoy. When I was thirty-five years old, I suffered severe backache and frequent bleeding pains; in fact, I had womb trouble. I was very anxious to get well, and reading of the cures your Compound had made, I decided to try it. I took only six bottles, but it built me up and cured me entirely of my troubles.

My family and relatives were naturally as gratified as I was. My niece had heart trouble and nervous prostration, and was considered incurable. She took your Vegetable Compound and it cured her in a short time and she became well and strong, and her home to her great joy and her husband's delight was blessed with a baby. I know of a number of others who have been cured of different kinds of female troubles, and am satisfied that your Compound is the best medicine for sick women.—MRS. ELIZABETH H. THOMPSON, Box 105, Lilydale, N.Y. \$5000 forfeit if original of above letter proving genuineness cannot be produced.

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Newsy Gleanings.

Senator Quay is in Florida for his health.

There will be 335 delegates in the republican state convention.

Montgomery, Ala., has a new \$100,000 brewery and ice company.

United States consuls general in Mexico have been directed to act as representatives of Panama.

Senator Foraker presented the credentials of Senator Hanna for the term of six years beginning March 4, 1905.

A sale of 126 bales of cotton was effected in Anniston, Ala., last week for \$8,654, or 14c a pound.

Another mile of electric car line is building as an addition to the street railway system of Anniston, Ala.

The blame for the Iroquois theater horror has been formally placed by the fire department on the managers and builders of the structure and seven violations of the building ordinances are cited.

At Jackson, Miss., Joseph Messine, Jr., a young Italian who shot and killed an old man named C. E. Croft some time ago, has been tried and acquitted. Croft went to Messine's home at night and the young man claimed he insulted his mother.

Safe blowers blew open the safe in the Titusville, Fla., postoffice, securing \$400 in cash. The men also robbed the safe of Kline's dry goods store. Two men charged with the robbery have been placed in jail.

The Louisville and Nashville railroad is receiving on the St. Louis division, preparatory to handling the heavy world's fair passenger traffic, a number of large ten-wheel passenger engines.

President Mitchell and Secretary Dodd, of the Pittsburgh district, United Mine Workers of America, have been selected as delegates to attend the international mining congress at Paris in May. H. C. Barry, of Illinois, and T. D. Nichols were chosen as alternates.

A steel suspension bridge is to be erected at Gaylesville, Ala., across the Chattooga river. Work has already begun and much of the foundation has been finished. As soon as the bridge is complete the work on the new depot will begin.

Reports received here are to the effect that an uncontrollable prairie fire is raging in Texas. Over 100,000 acres of fine grazing land has already been burned over.

A contract has been closed with the Lookout inn on Lookout mountain to deliver an acetylene generator to supply seven hundred jets. This will be one of the largest generators of the kind in use anywhere in the south.

What is claimed to be the richest radium-bearing earth in the world has been discovered in the Liano gold and coal fields, Texas. Rumors of the discovery of earth bearing a large per cent of radium in the Liano district have been persistent.

The Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis railroad reports an unusually heavy movement of grain. The fertilizer movement and the live stock movement continues heavy.

Saturday an explosion caused a \$20,000 fire in the big Masonic temple in Chicago. A fatal panic was threatened, but the 4,000 inmates of the structure were gotten out safely by the bravery of the elevator men, who stuck to their cars through heat and smoke.

The Texas railroad commission has issued orders reducing the passenger fare for children on railroads in that state from 2 cents per mile to 1 1/2 cents per mile. The excess baggage rate has been reduced by the commission from 15 per cent of the ticket rate to 12 per cent. It is said the reduction will cause a decrease of revenue to the passenger departments of the Texas roads aggregating \$206,000 each year.

Hon. S. S. Calhoun, justice of the Mississippi supreme court, received a private telegram from Little Rock, Ark., stating that the body of his nephew, John Calhoun, formerly of Holly Springs, had been found at the bottom of the Arkansas river, and that from marks on same it was certain that the young man had been murdered. He was a soldier of the United States army.

The democratic senators were in conference for almost three hours on the Panama question and when they adjourned it was announced by Senator Gorman, chairman of the caucus, that the conference had agreed upon a resolution to be presented to the senate asking for all the correspondence between the United States and Colombia since the negotiations of the Hay-Herran treaty.

A measure which seeks to make embezzlement of sums not exceeding \$25 a misdemeanor, instead of a felony, and in this way save the circuit courts of handling a large and constantly increasing class of petty crimes, passed the Mississippi house by a vote of 98 to 11.

Plans are nearly ready for another four-story building at Meridian, Miss. The national prohibition convention is called for June 28th in Indianapolis.

THE WINDS DIE DOWN

And the Facts of Moundville Disaster Develop.

Last Friday's cyclone at Moundville, Ala., is the third to have visited the town, the first one coming in 1887. No deaths resulted in either, but a number were hurt and property damaged. R. L. Griffin was the main sufferer in 1887 and this time he sustained a heavy loss.

At Sumter, Ala., the tornado played havoc. It demolished the engine room, boiler shed, fan house and one other building at the Belle Sumter mines, and one man was slightly injured. Work will be suspended for about sixty days in the mines.

While there are no fatalities reported at this immediate section, one has been reported about seventeen miles from Bessemer. David Houton, three miles from Sumter, and two children were killed.

The little daughter of James Gilbert, of Sumter, was also killed.

The storm of Thursday night did considerable damage at Athens, tearing down several buildings and one church.

The storm struck heavily near Buell Shoals and blew down everything near the old jug factory except the dwelling of H. M. Morrison. The stable of Lil Morrison was blown away and he had to cut his horses out of the debris.

Another Cruiser.

The protected cruiser Charleston, the largest and most powerful vessel of its type in the American navy, was launched Saturday. The new cruiser continues the name of the 3,700-ton vessel wrecked several years ago in the Philippines. There will be but two other vessels in the United States navy of the Charleston class. They are the Milwaukee and the St. Louis, now under construction. While designed primarily for speed, they will be at the same time formidable fighting machines. Her coal capacity with the bunkers full is 1,500 tons, which would enable her to cross the Atlantic several times without refueling. She cost \$1,740,000.

Fair Nearing Completion.

The Louisiana Purchase Exposition company now stands ready and is waiting for the full and general installation of exhibits. The point has been reached where the management of the exposition is no longer occupied with the rapid advancement toward completion of the buildings, but instead lays particular stress upon the importance of the speedy shipment of exhibits, especially those assembled by domestic exhibitors. It is estimated that from 25,000 to 30,000 cars of domestic exhibits alone will reach St. Louis during the last of March and the fore part of April.

Galveston, Tex., is celebrating this week because of the completion of the sea wall, erected at a cost of millions of dollars and which is expected to insure the city against any recurrence of the disaster of four years ago. The United States navy is represented at the festivities by several warships, and the German cruiser Gazelle is there.

Advices from the north are to the effect that the Ohio river is again open to navigation and that the Susquehanna is closed by an ice gorge at Wilkesbarre. Coal shipment down the Ohio will begin at once.

Sour Lake, Texas, lost its main business portion by fire Sunday. Loss \$200,000.

Secretary Root has signed an order changing the name of Fort Columbus, on Governor's island, to Fort Jay, its original name.

Representative Spaulding, of North Dakota, has introduced bills to provide for the erection of monuments to the late President McKinley and Alexander Hamilton. The cost of each is not to exceed \$100,000.

The "auto" is taking complete possession of east Florida.

A new \$5 counterfeit silver certificate has appeared.

A Pretty Present.

I will send a pretty present to the one who sends me the full address of the most stammerers or stutterers by the 1st of February. I want to tell every stammerer in the world how I cured myself at home. They can do the same with ease in one week, or in three days if they come to me in person. Any mother can read instructions sent by mail and cure her child at home. Now, if you are kind and good you will send these poor stammerers' names. Remember the golden rule and God will remember you. I will send the present after I hear from each name. Address Rev. G. W. Randolph, Belmont Hotel, Birmingham, Ala.

The work of installing the machinery in the Barrett Manufacturing company's plant, one of Ensley's new industries, is about completed.

The Ensley, Ala., steel plant of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railway company will resume work Tuesday. The plant gives employment to about 2,500 men.

There is a movement on foot to organize an Audubon society in Alabama for the protection of birds.

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

JANUARY 19TH.

The senate required less than a minute to dispose of the motion to refer to the committee on postoffices the various resolutions looking to an investigation of the postoffice department. The question had been previously debated for hours at a time, but when the motion was put no senator manifested any disposition to discuss it further, and it was adopted without negative vote.

Mr. Quarles announced his advocacy of a sea-level canal, saying he thought that such a canal should be constructed regardless of the time required in construction or the expense to be incurred.

The house considered the Hepburn pure food bill, but did not complete it. When the house was ready to adjourn, on motion of Mr. Hepburn, a recess was taken until 11:55 tomorrow morning. This course will retain the bill before the house without interruption for consideration tomorrow.

JANUARY 20TH.

Mr. Patterson completed and Mr. Platt, of Connecticut, began a speech on the Panama canal question.

Mr. Patterson declared that the president was largely responsible for the revolt in Panama, and announced his decided preference for the Nicaraguan route.

Mr. Platt took this pronouncement for Nicaragua as the text of his remarks, saying it explained the mystery of the otherwise inexplicable opposition on the part of the democratic senators of the Panama treaty. At the beginning of its session the senate took up the resolution for the adoption of a clerk in the senate postoffice.

Mr. Cullom presented a number of petitions for a service pension bill, saying that he had received such petitions from almost every G. A. R. post in Illinois, and that he hoped they would have the attention of the senate.

The house passed the Hepburn pure food bill on a rising vote, 201 to 68, its opponents being unable to secure a roll call.

The amendment inserting the word "willful" with reference to persons who sell adulterated or misbranded articles, and which would have compelled the government to prove intent to violate the law by the vendors was stricken out on a ye and nay vote.

Several attempts were made to amend the bill, but no material changes were made. The bill fixes the standards of foods and drugs as to their purity, strength and character and what should be considered adulterations and misbranding of foods and drugs. It also prohibits interstate commerce, importation and exportation of such misbranded or adulterated articles.

It is proposed to enlarge the scope of the bureau of chemistry to include the bureau of foods and impose upon it the duty of performing all chemical work for the other executive departments.

Mr. Hull, of Iowa, chairman of the committee on military affairs, reported the army appropriation bill and gave notice that he would call it up tomorrow.

Mr. Payne, chairman of the ways and means committee, reported a substitute for the Hitchcock resolution calling on the secretary of the treasury to furnish the house information regarding the number of carriages furnished his department at the government's expense. The substitute, Mr. Payne explained, called for the same information as the original resolution. It was agreed to.

Senator Pettus, a member of the judiciary committee before which the nomination of William H. Armbricht, for the southern Alabama district attorneyship is pending, will hold up the report on the case until charges against confirmation are considered by the committee. It is reported that charges alleging embezzlement of church funds and incompetency will be filed against Armbricht.

JANUARY 21ST.

Mr. Platt, of Connecticut, concluded his speech on Panama. He defended the course of the president throughout the Panama revolt. During the morning hour Mr. Morgan spoke in explanation of his bill for the annexation of Panama to the United States, basing his argument on the ground that the pending canal treaty is contemplating that result.

Mr. Morgan made an appeal to the newspapers to use their utmost endeavors to secure information concerning the situation, saying there was no probability that any resolution would elicit new information from the executive department.

He stated that he had inserted in his bill the provision for the payment

Our total population exclusive of our territorial addition through the Spanish war is 76,303,387, of which the whites number 66,990,788, negroes 8,840,789, Indians 266,770, Chinese 119,050 and Japanese 66,000. Of this total those of native birth number 50,104, 148, and of foreign nativity 26,198,999, being over 50 percent. As to sex the males exceed the females by 1,815,097.

of \$15,000,000 for the pacification of Colombia because he had heard the president had entered into an agreement for the payment of that sum for that purpose. He had inserted this provision, as well as the others, in the interest of peace and of good will, and in the interest of a Panama canal and of all accrued rights. It was intended to meet the emergency, and he hoped it would be so accepted by all persons concerned.

When the house convened a resolution called up by Mr. Gardner, of New Jersey, chairman of the committee on labor, asking the secretary of commerce and labor for a statement showing the number of horses and carriages maintained at the expense of the government for officials in his department and the names of the officials using them, was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Hull, of Iowa, chairman of the committee on military affairs, the house went into committee of the whole to consider the army appropriation bill. Five hours' debate was agreed upon.

Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, discussed for an hour the "stand pat" policy of the majority party and talked at length on his pending bill repealing the duty on coal. He read from the testimony before the house committee on investigation of the last session of congress on the coal question to show that coal was 67 cents less a ton during the year than before the tariff was repealed.

Mr. Payne, of New York, asserted the price of coal was not less to the consumer during this period. Mr. Williams combatted this statement and asked Mr. Payne why his party did not "stand pat" for free coal.

Mr. Lind, of Minnesota, spoke for reciprocity with Canada and pleaded for freer trade relations with that country.

Mr. Baker, of New York, opposed the army bill on the ground that he was opposed to war and would not vote to appropriate money for preparations for war.

JANUARY 22D.

The senate adopted the resolution of inquiry concerning affairs in Panama, introduced on the 5th inst by Mr. Gorman, and in addition listened to a speech on the Panama question by Mr. Dolliver, and another on the subject of the recess appointments to office by Mr. Tillman. Mr. Tillman's address had especial reference to the nomination of Collector Crum, of Charleston, but it bore also upon the nomination of Brigadier General Wood.

The house passed 209 pension bills and also resolutions calling on the secretary of war and the attorney general for information as to the number of horses and carriages maintained at government expense for officers of the respective departments.

A bill permitting the withdrawal duty-free from the St. Louis exposition of articles donated to religious, scientific, educational or literary institutions also passed.

Rivers and Harbors Will Get No More Appropriations.

The house committee on rivers and harbors decided that there should be no river and harbor appropriation at the present session of congress, although a few surveys may be authorized.

In explanation of the postponement of a bill until next session, Chairman Burton made the following statement:

"The main reason for this action was the very large balance appropriated for river and harbor improvements which is now lying in the treasury unexpended. This balance at the end of last year was somewhat in excess of \$38,000,000. In addition to this it is expected that \$8,000,000 or thereabouts will be appropriated in this session in the sundry civil bill for the continuance of work on rivers and harbors where improvements are progressing under continuing contracts.

"A considerable number of complaints have been lodged with members of the committee because of slowness in prosecuting improvements. In some cases appropriations were made several years ago, but nothing yet has been done. In others which were provided for in the bill of June, 1902, work has scarcely begun.

"In the meantime some legislation will be recommended by the committee for the necessary maintenance of the existing public works for such general legislation as may be desired, and perhaps also for the examination and survey of new projects.

"The committee decided to continue hearings during this session and also to meet frequently for the consideration of river and harbor legislation, and demands of such localities requesting improvements.

The one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of Robert Burns will be celebrated upon January 25th in Cardiff, Ala. Quite an elaborate programme has been arranged, consisting of songs, recitations and addresses, ending with a grand ball.

Science has been at pains to proclaim that a cow treated with kindness gives more milk than one of equal capacity neglected or treated with harshness. Science sometimes does the unnecessary. It is not left to this late day to demonstrate that kindness is the touch of nature which makes the whole world kin.

CYCLONE WRECKS TOWN

Over Thirty-five People Perish at Moundville, Ala.

HOUSES BLOWN TO ATOMS

Property Scattered Over a Distance of Ten Miles—Railroad Cars Torn to Splinters and Carried Away by the Fierce Storm—Partial List of the Dead—Some of the Escapes Miraculous.

Tuscaloosa, Ala.—The most disastrous cyclone that ever visited this section swept over Moundville, Ala., a town of 300 inhabitants, fifteen miles south of Tuscaloosa, and as a result over thirty-five persons were killed, more than 100 injured, and every business house in the town, with the exception of one small drug store, was completely destroyed.

Among those killed were E. P. Seymour, of Nashville, Tenn., operator in the railroad station; A. H. Varen, of Birmingham, of the Alabama Grocery Company; J. K. Redmond, of Nashville, superintendent of the pumping station, and thirty-four negro men and women, including W. H. Mines, his wife and six children, who were battered to death against the walls of their cabin.

In the valley of a little creek near the Alabama Great Southern Railroad were forty cabins. They were demolished into kindling wood and not an occupant escaped injury. The Moundville Hotel, which was near the depot, was almost ground into splinters. It was a two-story house, the rooms above being reserved for transient guests. Fifty of these were torn into shreds, and their bodies were picked up some distance from the hotel site.

The tornado struck the village when all were asleep. It was not preceded by any disturbing sign. Down to the south of the village six miles, the wind seemed to have gathered its strength. Tearing down a barn, it moved harmlessly, so far as human life was concerned, until it reached Moundville.

The residents were awakened by the crashing of timbers, the roaring sounds of the giant storm, mingled with screams of inhabitants. There was not any time for preparation, no lights to see by, no hand to give assistance.

It was quick in its work. In a minute after its attack it was gone. Then the flashes of lightning lit up scenes of horror. Its path was a quarter of a mile in width and its spiral thrusts lay close to the earth.

Few of the 300 inhabitants escaped harm. Torn particles of flesh were scattered through the timbers as chaff. Bodies were picked up half a mile away. Many of the wounded were rescued from the debris with difficulty.

The depot was blown down, and the operator, who slept in the warehouse, was killed instantly. A freight train that was approaching the switch was derailed, one of its cars being detached and blown furiously against a group of standing autos. A flat car, loaded with cotton bales, standing on a spur, was picked up and blown over the tree tops. Small bits of cotton lint, floating about, resembling the effects of a snowstorm.

The little drug store is the only building that was left standing. Next door to it was a one-story residence, containing a family of six. In the blackness of the morning the father, mother and three children went out the door, leaving a five-year-old son behind. The boy was rescued later, having been pulled from a pile of timbers. None of the others have been heard from. It is presumed they are dead.

One woman was blown into an open well, where she was afterwards drawn out uninjured. Some of the escapes were as if miracles had been performed.

Tents were rushed from Tuscaloosa, fifteen miles away, as soon as news of the storm was received there. Twenty physicians responded to the call for help, and in addition dozens of students from the University of Alabama rode horseback over fallen timbers to the stricken village.

North of Moundville, where there are numerous settlements, the tornado wrecked houses and blew fences away. The news of the death of five persons outside of Moundville has been verified. That there are many more to be reported is regarded as certain.

The Alabama Great Southern Railroad tracks are congested with wreckage.

Subscription lists are being started in adjacent towns, and 100 women from Tuscaloosa have gone to Moundville to nurse the injured.

All of North Alabama was visited by disastrous windstorms, accompanied by heavy rainfalls. Hundreds of farms were damaged, bridges swept away, cattle killed and forest trees leveled with the ground. But it was in Hale County where the twining developed into that dynamic force that was most deadly to human beings.

SCHOOL TEACHER MURDERED.

Miss Sarah Schaefer Assaulted, Robbed and Killed at Bedford, Ind.

Bedford, Ind.—The body of Miss Sarah Schaefer, teacher of Latin in the Bedford High School, was found in a carriage house after she had been assaulted and robbed and the body mutilated.

The appearance of the shed indicated a terrific struggle. Miss Schaefer came here from Elkhart, Ind., a year ago and was much admired.

Jimenez's Cause Lost.

General Jimenez and his followers have fled before the Government force of Haiti under General Caeceres, as they were completely out of ammunition. His last retreat is Monte Cristi, where he has now taken refuge.

Lithographer a Suicide.

Frederick Thomas Thrush, a lithographer, of New York City, attempted to murder his wife and his son, seven years old, and then committed suicide by shooting.

WIFE KILLS HER CHILDREN

Sets Fire to Room and Rescuers Find Bodies.

Was Separated From Her Husband on Account of Suspicious, and Refused to Live With Him.

New York City.—When a cry of fire rang through the crowded tenement at 419 East Sixty-fourth street startled tenants ran about seeking where it was, and their quest led to the discovery of a triple tragedy.

Smoke had been seen issuing from the windows of an apartment which had been occupied for a little more than a week by Mrs. Louisa Ellen and her two little girls, Rose, seven, and Louise, eight years old. When access finally was gained to the rooms it was found that the smoke came from a burning bed in the apartment on which the little girls lay dead, each with a bullet through her heart, while the mother was found kneeling by the bedside, breathing her last. Two bullet wounds were found on her body.

The fire was discovered by William Stanley, an ambulance driver, the employ of the Flower Hospital. Stanley gave the alarm and ran to the top floor, closely followed by Edward Van Horne, the janitor, and Paul Faust, a tenant.

They found the Ellen apartment locked. Hjalmar Olander, a tenant, occupying the apartments adjoining, volunteered to make his way into the Ellen flat by way of the fire escape. He was nearly suffocated in the attempt, but finally contrived to open the door from the inside and admit the others.

In the bedroom the smoke was so thick that the men could not see through it until the doors and windows had been opened for some time. Then they found that the bed was afire, and that there was a smoldering heap in the middle of the room, which had scorched the woodwork of the floor, but had done no other damage.

The two children were lying on the bed. Faust and the janitor bore them to a vacant apartment across the hall. The ambulance driver picked up the kneeling form of the woman and followed. She was still breathing, but died before Dr. Benson, who responded to a call on the Flower Hospital, had time to arrive.

Mrs. Ellen was twenty-eight years old; her husband is thirty-three. He is an ironworker. Until recently he was Secretary of Ironworkers' Union, No. 42. Some time ago the woman, suspecting her husband, as he says, unjustly, refused to live with him.

SMITHSON'S BODY HERE.

Came on the Princess Irene, and Will Be Interred at Washington.

New York City.—The body of James Smithson, founder of the Smithsonian Institution, arrived late at night on the Princess Irene.

James Smithson was an English scientist, and a natural son of the Duke of Northumberland. His name was devoted to science, and when he died in Genoa in 1829, he bequeathed over \$500,000 to the Government of the United States "to found at Washington, under the name of the Smithsonian Institution, an establishment for the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men." Mr. Smithson was buried in the English cemetery of San Benigno.

Professor Alexander Graham Bell was the first to suggest that Mr. Smithson's body be brought from Genoa, where it was buried, and placed near the institution he founded. He went abroad about a month ago to superintend its removal.

ICY RAILS WRECK TRAIN.

Passengers Suffering in Freezing Temperature.

Corry, Pa.—Icy rails wrecked the Pennsylvania Railroad's through night express, which left Buffalo, while it was running at a high rate of speed near Prospect, thirty miles from this city, and though none of the passengers were killed, there was much suffering from cold, as at the time of the wreck, late at night, the thermometer registered twenty degrees below zero.

The entire train was derailed, and as there is no telegraph office at Prospect, it was some time before help was summoned. The wreck occurred near the scene where, a number of years ago, every passenger perished in the wreck of a passenger train.

Railroad Growth.

The number of tons of freight moved by the railways of the country increased from 691,344,437 tons in 1890 to 1,192,136,510 tons in 1902. The mileage had grown from 163,654 to 203,132 miles within the same period of time, and gross earnings increased from \$1,068,039,735 to \$1,720,814,900.

Big Fire at Dawson.

A fire at Dawson City, Alaska, caused great apprehension, lest the whole town be destroyed. The thermometer was thirty-five degrees below zero and water was thrown on the fire with difficulty. After two hours' work the flames were controlled. The loss was \$105,000.

Saraiva Again Beaten.

General Saraiva, the revolutionary leader, of Montevideo, has again been defeated near the Brazilian frontier by General Muniz. The revolutionists lost heavily.

Cleveland Bank Fails.

The Produce Exchange Banking Company, of Cleveland, Ohio, has closed its doors. The insolvency court has appointed the Cleveland Trust Company receiver. The assets and liabilities of the bank are each placed at \$1,500,000.

Big Fire in Marion.

Two hundred persons narrowly escaped being burned to death in a fire which destroyed the five-story Colonial apartment building at Marion, Ind.

Says the Chicago Tribune: Notwithstanding the reputed weakness of Mr. Rockefeller's stomach, he seldom has any trouble in digesting his securities.

The new British ambassador told the New York reporters that his appointment to Washington filled the cup of his ambition to the brim. There is no doubt that he is diplomatic.

Next July a provision of an act of congress will go into effect under which no ships will be permitted to engage in traffic between the United States and the Philippine islands unless they carry the American flag.

While it is undoubtedly true that German exporters have much to learn from the methods of American exporters, it is equally true that American exporters can learn much to their advantage by studying the manner in which the Germans cater to foreign trade.

It has been remarked that few men who come to congress from the Pacific coast are natives of that region. One of the few is John Newton Williamson, of Oregon, whose wife was also born in the 33d state of the Union. Chicago was far east to this couple till Washington hove in view.

The New York Sun graciously observes that Boston is the only large city in the United States, with the exception of San Francisco and New Orleans, which has been disregarded by both political parties for holding a national convention, and that, geographical and political considerations apart, no city is better suited for a summer convention.

The cry of the silk hat makers is that the market for their wares grows more and more restricted, and that a full half of the 8000 men engaged in the trade in London only a few years ago are now out of employment. The city clerk no longer looks on the top hat, oft cleaned but shining still, as the badge of the respectability of his profession; heads of firms come to business in panamas or bowlers, according to the season.

The incubator seems to be as much of a necessity on the farm nowadays as farm machinery. If eggs are fertile and the hatcher operated according to directions it is fairly safe to count the chickens before they are hatched; this is far from possible when the hen bosses the job. Good, durable incubators are now made at very reasonable prices, and should form part of the poultry outfit on every farm. Those who buy good machines have nothing but words of praise for incubator hatching.

Butter and cheese are so closely akin in a commercial sense and in a dairy sense that one would naturally suppose they would be in proportionate quantities where either of them is made. Not so; New York makes 127,000,000 pounds of cheese; Wisconsin, 78,000,000; Ohio, 18,000,000; Michigan, 10,000,000, and the other states still less amounts. In butter making the rank of the states is: Iowa, 139,220,632 pounds; New York, 115,408,376 pounds; Pennsylvania, 111,358,246 pounds; Wisconsin, 106,552,649 pounds; Illinois, 86,848,762 pounds.

When the United States government was an infant just setting up shop on the banks of the Potomac there wasn't enough money in the national strong box to build a shelter for it. "The comparatively venerable commonwealth of Virginia helped the struggling youngster out by lending it \$120,000. The loan was authorized by the Virginia general assembly on Dec. 27, 1790, and the money was to be used by the young government for public buildings. For sixty years the creditor made no effort to collect this loan from Uncle Sam, but in 1850 the federal government appearing to be prosperous enough to justify it Virginia asked to be reimbursed. The Washington authorities didn't pay, and now Senator John Warwick Daniel has taken up Virginia's claim and introduced a bill in the senate for its payment with interest since 1850. The creditor state is willing to have Uncle Sam deduct from its claim any money due to him, but she believes it is time the advance was returned.

Odd Belgium Custom.

Belgian postoffice authorities have hit upon a singular idea. Every postage stamp has a slip attached to it which may or may not be used at the option of the person who posts the letter. This slip is worded to the effect that the communication to which it is attached is not to be delivered on Sunday. On all stamps of every denomination this notification is to

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E. S. Lyman.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Circuit Judge—John Pelham.
Circuit Solicitor—C. C. Whitson.
Circuit Clerk—John P. Pearson.
Sheriff—R. F. Cox.

Terms of Court—Eleventh Monday after the fourth Monday in January and July, and may continue four weeks.

CHANCERY COURT.

Chancellor—R. B. Kelly.
Register in Chancery—J. R. White.
Terms of Court—First Thursdays after second Mondays in March and September.

COUNTY COURT.

County Judge—A. P. Longshore.
County Clerk—John P. Pearson.
County Solicitor—W. R. Oliver.
Terms of Court—Third Mondays in February, May, August and November.

Probate Court—Second Monday in each month.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

Probate Judge—A. P. Longshore.
Clerk—John P. Pearson.
Sheriff—R. F. Cox.
Supt. of Education—J. B. Farrell.
Tax Collector—J. H. Robertson.
Tax Assessor—John S. Pitts.
County Surveyors—A. P. R. Dahl, H. M. Abercrombie.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

First District—L. R. Kendrick.
Second District—R. J. Griffin.
Third District—Pleasant Shaw.
Fourth District—R. B. Posey.
Terms of Court—First Mondays in January, April, July and October. Special Terms—Second Mondays in May and July and first Mondays in June.

Calera wont carry five beats in the county. Mark the prediction.

Vote against Courthouse removal next Monday if you want to prosper.

After next Monday Calera can retire from public life, and go into innocuous desititude.

When any place, man or men attempts to win on any contest by falsehood and misrepresentation, they are sure to fail; in the long run truth will prevail. Let the Calera contingent take notice.

After next Monday Columbiana will start on a career of prosperity heretofore unknown to the oldest inhabitants. The Courthouse question has harassed the people of Shelby county for many years, and we are glad that it will be settled for all time.

The question of removal of the Courthouse from Columbiana to Calera is nothing more or less than a scheme to benefit outsiders, who are manipulators and speculators, and they want to "hoo-doo" our citizens into making them a fortune. Beware of voting for Calera, because you are voting to enhance the value of the property of people who do not live in your county, and to burden yourselves. Don't do this.

Voters of Shelby county, it is up to you now. Before the Advocate shall have reached you again the Courthouse question, which has so long worried the citizens of this county, will have been settled forever, never to again be resurrected, and the people will be allowed to enjoy their homes in peace. This however, will be owing to the result of the election. If you vote to burden yourselves with heavy taxation for the next twenty-five years, then you need not expect to enjoy your citizenship. On the other hand, if you vote to let the Courthouse remain at Columbiana and relieve yourselves of this heavy and uncalled for burden, then our county will march right on to prosperity and development, and our citizens will be happy and contented. We appeal to you for the last time before this important election, and ask you, which will you take? We hope you will look at this matter in its true light, and when you have done so, we feel sure you will go to the polls next Monday and put your vote in against removal.

A Card.

Editor Advocate: Various rumors have been set afloat by designing persons to the effect that I had said that if the county seat remained at Columbiana, that we would have to build a new Courthouse. It has also been reported that I had met an architect and made plans to build a new Courthouse here, in the event that Columbiana won in the Courthouse fight. I also understand that some of Calera's adherents have asserted that they had a letter signed by me to some architect agreeing to build a new Courthouse at Columbiana. I desire to state that every one of these reports are absolutely false; there is not a word of truth in any of the above reports, and any one who circulates these rumors after the publication of this letter is guilty of circulating malicious lies.

A. P. LONGSHORE.

Take all the questions of removal into consideration before you cast your vote—look at the expenses of tearing down and losing the Courthouse and Jail at Columbiana; the losing of the system of water works; the destruction of the county alms house, which has just been newly built—and this is not a beginning—the half has never yet been told. Take the matter seriously under consideration and vote to, relieve yourself of this burden, and that will be against removal.

After next Monday the Courthouse question will be settled, and we believe the voters and tax payers of the county will cast their votes against removal and extra tax to build a Courthouse and Jail at Calera.

If your poll tax is not paid on or by the first day of February you can not vote in any election this year.

Read what our correspondents have to say about Courthouse removal and taxes.

Qualifications of Voters in Courthouse Election.

To the Voters of Shelby County: In order that there may be no misunderstanding in regard to the qualifications of the voters in the county seat election to be held on February 1st, we deem it proper to state in condensed form the law in reference to same.

A person to be entitled to vote in the Courthouse Election on February 1, 1904, must possess all of the following qualifications:
1. He must be over twenty-one years of age, and must have resided continuously in the State two years, in the county one year and in the precinct in which he offers to vote three months, immediately preceding the election at which he offers to vote, provided, that where he removes from one precinct to another within three months immediately preceding the election, he may vote in the precinct from which he removed, provided he could legally have voted in said precinct had he not removed.

2. He must have legally registered in Shelby county under the New Constitution of 1901.

3. He must have paid his poll tax for 1901 and 1902 (if he was liable for the poll tax of said years or either of them.) and he must have paid said poll tax on or before February 1, 1903, and he must show to the Managers of the election his poll tax receipts for said years; or make oath before the Managers that he has paid said poll tax. Any one falsely making said oath would be guilty of perjury and on conviction would be sentenced to the penitentiary.

4. The following persons are disqualified from voting in said election: All idiots and insane persons, those who were by reason of conviction of crime disqualified from voting at the time of the ratification of the Constitution on Nov. 28th, 1901; those who have been since Nov. 28th, 1901, convicted of treason, murder, arson, embezzlement, malfeasance in office, larceny, receiving stolen property, obtaining money under false pretenses, perjury, subornation of perjury, robbery, assault with intent to rob, burglary, forgery, bribery, assault and battery on wife, bigamy, living in adultery, sodomy, incest, rape, miscegenation, crime against nature, or any crime punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary, or for any infamous crime, or crimes involving moral turpitude, or convicted as a tramp, or vagrant, or of selling or offering to sell his vote, or the vote of another, or of making or offering to make false returns in any election by the people.

J. E. MORRIS, Chairman.
J. H. GUNN,
D. R. McMillan,
Board of Commissioners of County Seat Election.

From Longview.

Mr. Editor:—Please allow me space in your paper to say a few words in regard to the courthouse. I have been quiet, but I thought as old boy John, of Beat 7, made a brake and wrote some poetry for the Calera News, it is time for me to write.

From what I can find out the most of the people of Beat 7 will vote for the courthouse to remain where it is, and I think if every one will think over the matter they will settle it in their own mind. We have a courthouse at Columbiana which is suitable to hold court in for several years, and also a good poor houses, and as good water works as there is any where; the water comes from the mountain not far away without the aid of a pump. I would like to know where Calera is going to get water from. You all know how a frog pond is in the winter, everything is covered with water and in the summer it is as dry as it can be. The frogs make holes in the ground and goes on down with the water, so I don't think it would be a good idea to build a courthouse on the frogs back, for in the summer time the frogs would carry it in their holes and we would not see it until winter. I learn that some of the Calera people was trying to see if they could get water from Mr. Frost's spring, which is in the northeast corner of Beat 4 and on the line of Beat 7, which makes it about five miles from Calera, and that would cost several thousand dollars, and there would have to be a pump running all the time and this would cost money. I think Calera had better wait until it gets the courthouse before it contracts for water works. I learn some of the canvassers for Calera had got out of the county, this is no more than I expected of them, especially the one of Beat 7, I also learn one of them had been in Jefferson Co. They don't know where Shelby is. We know that is just like Calera. They get in such a headway that they don't know what they are saying or doing or where they are at. So you see why it is they get out of the county. After the first day of February Calera will be dead.

OLD SAMBO.

We Will Vote for Columbiana.

[REVISED VERSION BY JOHN M. DYE.]
Come, march along, ye voters strong,
And vote against removal every time.
With banners bright, with conscience right,
We'll vote against removal every time.

We're in this fight, we know we're right,
We'll vote against removal every time.
We've come to stay, we'll win the day,
We'll vote against removal every time.

Just clear the track, don't hold us back
We'll vote against removal every time.
That "Calais" cry, why that a—
We'll vote against removal every time.

Say Democrat! where are you at?
We'll vote against removal every time.
Republican! what is your plan?
We'll vote against removal every time.

Say Populite! how goes the fight?
We'll vote against removal every time.
Calera's near the Chilton line,
We'll vote against removal every time.

The "News" may swear, but we don't care,
We'll vote against removal every time.
Just let it scowl, growl and howl,
We'll vote against removal every time.

O! come along and join our song;
And vote against removal every time.
Take up the time 'gainst the salesmen,
And vote against removal every time.

Yes, O! yes, we'll vote for Columbiana
We will vote for Columbiana.
And its yes, O! yes,
We will vote for Columbiana every time.

A VERY CLOSE CALL.

"I stuck to my engine, although every joint ached and every nerve was racked with pain," writes C. W. Bellamy, a locomotive fireman of Burlington, Iowa. "I was weak and pale, without any appetite and all run down. As I was about to give up, I got a bottle of Electric Bitters, and after taking it, I felt as well as I ever did in my life." Weak, sickly, run down people always gain new life, strength and vigor from their use. Try them. Satisfaction guaranteed by Williams Bros., Price 50c.

Reflections of a Bachelor.

The way to a man's heart is through his pocket.

Sinners don't have to worry about their sins; saints do it for them.

The only one who doesn't get bored at a family reunion is the mother of them all.

Generally a man gets to be a reformer after he has tried everything else and been sat on.

It tickles a girl almost to death that looks thin and isn't to think how surprised people would be.

It is a good thing for a man to have a temper, so his wife will think one in the family is enough.

A woman can always convince herself that a queer story isn't so bad if she turns down the lights.

A woman's idea of a becoming hat is something that looks like a flying machine that has been struck by lightning.

Weldon.

As Wild Bill is busy shaking hands with the candidates, and is trying to get some girl to say yes before the courthouse election, he insists that some one spell him; he being a good friend of mine, I will give the people the news from Weldon in my weak way.

Everybody in Beat 11 will vote for the courthouse to stay at Columbiana.

Rev. B. C. Hughes, of this place, who got his dwelling and smoke-house burned last week, is rebuilding, and the good people of this and adjoining communities have been busy assisting in many ways in getting his new dwelling done.

Rev. J. E. Sampley, who has been on the sick list for some time, is improving. We hope he will soon be able to meet his appointments.

The class meeting held at F. M. Baldwin's Sunday evening was a success. The people began gathering early in the evening, and by the stated hour the house was well filled. The service was spirited from beginning to end. Every church member present took a part in the service. That is what we need; old time religion that casteth out all fear.

The Sunday school at Union was well attended Sunday. We listened to some good talks from visiting friends, among the number was C. B. Wheeler, of Coosa county, who gave us a splendid Sunday school talk. Come again Prof. Wheeler.

T. A. Blackerby of this place, has secured a position at the W. A. Wilder mill near Liberty.

Prof. Billy Spearman, of Nelson, was in our midst Sunday to the delight of some of our young ladies.

W. A. Wilder, of Liberty, transacted business near Wilsonville last week.

I will not write much, as I have a severe attack of La Grippe, and feel almost as bad as Calera will this time next week. Hurrah for Columbiana, right always wins. Boys, you need not all try to get to be tax collector, unless the courthouse goes to Calera, then the people will have to be burdened with an extra tax for some time; it would almost take four or five collectors to get the pay.

We people of Weldon will not call for the courthouse at this place now, but if old Shelby county's courthouse goes to Calera she will demand one later, as we people in the hills could not stand the climate of the south. Calera is so near Chilton county we people in the upper edge of Shelby would be almost forced to transact our business in St. Clair county for convenience, but we can go to Columbiana and back home in a day. So let everybody come to the polls next Monday and vote for Columbiana.

WILD BILL'S ASSISTANT.

CROUP.

The peculiar cough which indicates croup, is usually well known to the mothers of croupy children. No time should be lost in the treatment of it, and for this purpose no medicine has received more universal approval than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Do not waste valuable time in experimenting with untried remedies, no matter how highly they may be recommended, but give this medicine as directed and all symptoms of croup will quickly disappear. For sale by Williams Bros.

ESTRAYED.

One 4 year old yellow cow, with large bell on; one 4 year old red looking cow; three, 3 year old red looking steers; one black tan, 1 year old jersey bull calf; two black spotted, three year old heifers, one with bell on; one black 2 year old bull; two white spotted, three year old heifers, one moody; one red, with white back and belly 2 year old heifer; one red looking, three year old heifer, very small to age; one frosty looking 2 year old steer, ear mark of last 8 swallow fork and under split in each ear, also bob tail; ear mark of first 6 unknown. Information to all or any one of this cattle will be amply rewarded.

SAM. W. PARDEE,

Longview, Ala.

January 16th, 1904.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a Fi. Fa. issued from the Circuit Court of Shelby county and to me directed, I will proceed to sell in front of the Court House door, in the town of Columbiana, Ala., on the 15th day of February, 1904, within the legal hours of sale, to the highest bidder for cash, all the right, title and interest S. H. Wallace has in and to the following described property, to-wit:

E half of sw qr and sw qr of sw qr, sec. 21, tp. 20, range 2 east; sw qr of ne qr and ne qr of ne qr and se qr of ne qr, sec. 29, tp. 20, range 2 east; w half of nw qr and nw qr of sw qr, sec. 28, tp. 20, range 2 east; nw qr of se qr and ne qr of sw qr and nw qr of sw qr, sec. 9, tp. 20, range 2 east.

Levied upon as the property of S. H. Wallace, to satisfy said Fi. Fa. in my hands in favor of Birmingham Grain Company.

This 12th day of January, 1904.

R. F. COX, Sheriff.

Why Is It.

We have often wondered why men who call themselves wise men who know there is a Hell, go on from bad to worse swindling and cheating, swearing and drinking and know if they don't change Hell will be their eternal doom. We all know that the wages of sin is death, that there are two roads, one leading to Heaven and the other leads to death and destruction; there we will spend eternity in woe and misery, and why not travel the narrow road that leads from earth to Heaven, there we can gather around the Throne of God, and sing praises to Him forever and ever. Where death and farewells do never come, yet some men are considered wise and oh! how foolish they are in the sight of God. Why is it, can any one tell? It always was the foolishness of man to see men coasting the downward road, when they could so easily turn and do more good than ever before. If a person goes to Hell he has all kinds of people with him there. The gambler, the robber, the murderer, in fact the lowest down degrading people that ever walked the face of God's green earth. Why not accept of Christ as your personal Savior before it is too late? If we all will accept Him we can gain a home in Heaven. Nothing unclean can enter the pearly gates of Heaven. Stop to night and think, for to-morrow may never come, yesterday is to late now is the accepted time for we haven't the promise of to-morrow. Who knows whether to-morrow will ever come or not. We are glad that our lot has been cast in the land of Bibles and Gospel, privileges that after mixing and mingling our voices together in songs and hymns meaning praises to him, and when the storm of life has blown over here with us, he will crown us high up in Heaven there we can praise Him more perfect and the praise shall be His forever and ever. We thank Him for His many blessings which He has bestowed on us from the earliest existence down to the present time.

MEX L. SHARBUTT.

Weldon, Ala., Jan. 18th, 1904.

RAISING COTTON.

The estimate given out from the Bureau of Statistics, Agricultural Department, is that the cotton yield for this year, will be 9,362,039 bales. There was planted nearly 29,000,000 acres in cotton, and 900,000 acres were abandoned before picking. The total production of lint cotton is estimated at 174 1/2 pounds per acre.

Here is an average yield of not much more than a third of a bale to an acre. That is, it takes nearly three acres of land, on an average, to yield one bale of cotton. A number of causes have operated this year to reduce the yield, the boll weevil curtailing the crop in Texas and unseasonable weather operating both in the spring and fall against the maximum production.

One result has been to maintain the price of cotton at the time when the largest part of the crop is being marketed, which is rather an unusual experience. It means that this year and last year cotton planters have received a large proportion of the increased value of the crop.

There is no doubt that the South, on this account, is in a better condition financially than it has ever been. It has had two crops, in which the money yield has been, on the whole, satisfactory. Southern farmers must now consider what they will do with their money, how they can invest it with the best results. The best possible investment a man can make of his money is to pay his debts. The next thing for him to do is to improve his facilities of production, to use the money received from this year's crops, after your debts are paid, in the purchase of better farming implements, in the repairs of your stables and barns and toolhouses, and of course in the improvement of your homes. There dwells the man who, after all, determines what the crop shall be. The physical condition of the man and his family should always be considered. Health, strength, comfort, satisfaction, let the family get some benefit from the revenue of the year, and every member of it will work better next year, work, that is, with better effect, because they will work with more confidence and more cheerfulness.

It must be manifest that the yield of a third of a bale of cotton to an acre is not what the farmer should be satisfied with. Home and Farm does not urge the extension of the cotton acreage, but it does urge the farmer to consider various means for increasing the product per acre. He cannot begin to consider this too soon if the crop is to be improved. The improvement must be in the preparation of the soil, then with the seed, next the planting, then the cultivation of the crop, many things the farmer would like to do he lacks the means to accomplish, lacks the money, lacks the men. He is crowded with other duties. Good prices for crops ought to increase his resources and enable him to do what he has been wanting to do for years.

Let the Southern farmer strive more and more to improve his method of cultivation. In that way alone can he counteract to any extent the ill-effect of bad seasons. A thorough cultivation at all stages of the crop growth will go far toward reducing the ill effect of adverse climatic conditions.—Home and Farm.

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NOTICE NO. 25,284.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., January 19th, 1904.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Columbiana, Ala., on March 7th, 1904, viz: Burrell B. Brasher, Homestead Entry No. 35,094, for the S half of NE qr, S half of NW qr, Section 30, Tp. 18, South Range 1 East.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: A. P. Brasher, of Bridgeton, Ala.; Bud Brasher, of Bridgeton, Ala.; J. M. Cooke, of Vandiver, Ala.; J. B. Brasher, Vandiver, Ala.

ROBERT BARBER, Register.

NOTICE NO. 25,309.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Montgomery, Ala., January 23rd, 1904.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Columbiana, Ala., on March 7th, 1904, viz: Samuel J. Evans, Homestead Entry No. 33,977, for the E half of NE qr, SW qr of NE qr, NW qr of SE qr, Section 8, Tp. 24, North Range 14 East.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Francis Ellison, John Wilson, William Mathews, Tobe Martin, all of Calera, Ala.

ROBERT BARBER, Register.

JAMES I. ABERCROMBIE,

Attorney and Counsellor at Law,

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Order for County Seat Election.

The State of Alabama, Shelby Co.

Five Hundred or more of the qualified electors of said county, having petitioned the Governor praying that an election be held in said county on the question of removing the County Seat from Columbiana to Calera in said county; and the Governor having appointed the undersigned, as the Board of Commissioners of County Seat Election, as provided by law: It is hereby ordered that an Election be held at the usual voting places in said County by the qualified electors thereof, on Monday, the 1st day of February, 1904, between the hours of 9 A. M. and 5 P. M., on the question of such removal, at which election the elector who desires that the County Site shall remain at Columbiana shall have written or printed on his ballot the words: "Against Removal"; and the elector who desires that the County Seat shall be removed to Calera shall have written or printed on his ballot the words: "For Removal to Calera."

Done this, the 30th day of November, 1903.

J. N. E. MORRIS, Chairman.

J. H. GUNN,

D. R. McMillan,

The Board of Commissioners of County Seat Election.

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THE PEOPLE'S ADVOCATE

SOCIAL AND LOCAL NEWS.

W. J. Sewell, of Weldon, was in town Monday.

F. M. McEwen, of beat 9, was in town Monday.

J. D. Smith, of Dogwood, was in town Tuesday.

Rev. C. W. O'Hara spent Sunday at Saginaw.

J. R. Dyke, of Sterrett, was in the city Monday.

Rev. J. A. Davis, of Shelby, was in town Saturday.

Simon Friedberger, of Catherine, is in the city.

Miss Ina Sinnott has been on the sick list this week.

Max Lefkowitz was in Gadsden Monday on business.

J. E. Strickland, of Wilton, was in the city Saturday.

J. S. Pitts spent a few days up at Vincent last week.

J. K. Milner, of Anniston, was in the city Thursday.

I. C. Miller, of Shelby Springs, was in town Monday.

Dr. H. W. Harrison, of Dogwood, was in the city Tuesday.

G. R. McEwin, of near Wilsonville, was in town Monday.

S. J. Evans, of Calera, was in the city Friday on business.

Rev. W. I. Sinnott spent a few days this week at Tuscaloosa.

Prof. J. O. Dorrough, of Dunnavant, was in the city Tuesday.

The K. of P.'s held their regular monthly meeting Monday night.

D. C. Nickerson and Marion Roy, of Siluria, were in town Monday.

Geo. E. Mason spent Saturday and Sunday here with his family.

Charley Brooks, of Birmingham, visited his family here this week.

Dan Jones, of Shelby, was among the many visitors in town Monday.

Arthur Armstrong's horse died Sunday morning with pneumonia.

Mayor W. B. Browne was in Montevallo Saturday and Sunday.

Horace Hammond, of Birmingham, visited relatives here Sunday.

John T. Glaze and G. W. Green, of Creswell, were in the city Monday.

Hon. Cecil Browne, of Talladega, was in the city Friday and Saturday.

Dr. A. J. Lawley, of Sterrett, was among the visitors in the city Monday.

Rev. W. I. Sinnott will preach at the Presbyterian church next Sunday.

W. W. Wallace, Jr., of Klein, visited relatives in the city this week.

The oyster supper given at the National Hotel Friday night was a success.

Pleasant Shaw and J. G. Harris, of Montevallo, were in the city Monday.

Miss Georgia Thomas visited relatives at Wilsonville a few days last week.

George Bird, of Birmingham, visited relatives here a few days last week.

Remember the Dunbar Hand Bell Ringers at the College Hall Saturday night.

Leo Friedberger visited relatives in Talladega a part of Saturday and Sunday.

Go to the College Hall Saturday night to hear the Dunbar Hand Bell Ringers.

Come to the School House Saturday night to see Dunbar Hand Bell Ringers.

J. W. Mason, who is working at Sterrett, spent Sunday in the city with his family.

Columbiana was well represented here Monday with people from different portions of the county.

J. W. Bandy and wife, of Montevallo, spent a part of Saturday and Sunday in the city with friends.

Mrs. Manervy Howell died at her home six miles north of this place on last Thursday morning, aged 75 years. She was the widow of the late Zack Howell. She leaves four children and a number of relatives to mourn of her death.

Mrs. H. M. Millstead, who died on Wednesday of last week, was buried in the cemetery here last Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Rev. G. T. Harris, of this place, assisted by Rev. T. K. Roberts, of Anniston, conducted the funeral services at the Methodist church.

Domestic Troubles.

It is exceptional to find a family where there are no domestic troubles occasionally, but these can be lessened by having Dr. King's New Life Pills around. Much trouble they save by their great work in stomach and liver troubles. They not only relieve you, but cure. 25c, at Williams Bros. Drug Store.

Rev. G. T. Harris will preach at the Methodist church in Shelby on next Sunday.

Mrs. L. N. Bowden, of Montevallo, visited relatives here a few days this week.

Dr. Chandler, of Vincent, was in the city last Thursday on professional business.

Solicitor W. R. Oliver, of Calera, was in the city a short while Monday on business.

George Weaver and wife are now keeping house at the Walls residence near the Courthouse.

H. M. Norris and O. O. Bird carried a crazy woman over to the asylum at Tuscaloosa last Friday.

Rev. T. K. Roberts and wife, and Mrs. T. P. Roberts, of Anniston, visited relatives here Thursday and Friday.

Rev. G. T. Harris filled his regular appointment at the Methodist church Sunday at 11 A. M., and at night.

Ralph Dunbar's cello playing was alone worth the price of admission. He left the audience wishing for more.—Wichita Eagle.

Mrs. W. S. Nelson and children, after spending a few days with relatives in the city, returned to their home in Birmingham Sunday.

Every dollar of the poll tax money goes to help educate your children. So pay your poll tax this week and become a voter and citizen.

Austin Blake, colored, died at his home in this place on Wednesday night of last week, and was buried Thursday afternoon. He had been living in Columbiana for a number of years, and well liked by all who knew him.

This is the last week you will have a chance to pay your poll tax in order to vote in the November election. See to it that you have paid your poll taxes for the years 1901-2-3, before next Monday. If you fail to do this you will be disfranchised from voting in any election held this year.

One of the heaviest rains of the season fell here on last Friday morning about 2 o'clock, and nearly every small bridge in the city was washed out of its position. The dispensary and barber shop was flooded with water from the large ditch that runs across Main street near the Courthouse, but little damage was done to them.

The most novel and versatile company now before the public, The Dunbar Hand Bell Ringers and Male Quartet Company, with their magnificent peal of More Than One Hundred Musical Hand Bells, cast by England's greatest bell founder, specially for this Company, will appear at the School House in Columbiana, Saturday night, Jan. 30th.

On last Sunday afternoon the young people of the Methodist church met and organized an Epworth League. The following officers were elected: Miss Esther Mason, President; Grover Liles, First Vice President; Miss Lula Wilson, Second Vice President; Miss Rosalie Christian, Third Vice President; Clarence Smith, Secretary and Treasurer; Miss Mildred White, Organist. Committees were appointed by the different departments to assist in the work. It begins its life with bright prospects.

Governor Remits Fine.

Governor Jelks yesterday remitted a portion of the fine assessed against Shelby Booth of Shelby county, who was convicted in two cases of assault and battery.

Booth was fined \$250 and costs in one case and \$1 and cost in another. In remitting the amount of the fine not paid, the Governor said: "This man was convicted of assault and battery in two cases. He has already paid \$316. In view of his feeble physical condition and the fact that he has a family dependent upon him, he has probably been sufficiently punished. Many good people pray for clemency for him. It is ordered that the remainder of the fine be remitted."—Montgomery Advertiser January, 26th.

DISLOCATED HER SHOULDER.

Mrs. Johanna Soderholm, of Fergus Falls, Minn., fell and dislocated her shoulder. She had a surgeon to get it back in place as soon as possible, but it was quite sore and pained her very much. Her son mentioned that he had seen Chamberlain's Pain Balm advertised for sprains and soreness, and she asked him to buy her a bottle of it, which he did. It quickly relieved her and enabled her to sleep which she had not done for several days. The son was so much pleased with the relief it gave his mother that he has since recommended it to many others. For sale by Williams Bros.

The difference between a widow and an old maid is only the difference between rich cream and skimmed milk.

For a bad taste in the mouth take a few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Price 25 cents. Warranted to cure. For sale by Williams Bros.

About the only man who has a contempt for marrying for money is the man who has married without it.

In Memory.

Mrs. Olive Millstead, nee Price, was born of William and Sarah Price in Shelby County, Alabama, March 28, 1863. She was reared and lived throughout life in the county of her birth. In the year 1880 she was happily married to H. M. Millstead; to them were born eight children, seven of whom survive her. In her relation as wife, she was always faithful and true. The heart of her husband could always safely trust in her. As a mother, she was loving, gentle, kind and patient. Her life was devoted to the rearing of her children. Her anxiety for them was ever shown by her efforts and faith for their salvation. Her life was such, as that her children will rise up and call her blessed. In all her relations she showed that sweetness of temper and that helpfulness of spirit that always wins the affections. In her faith in God we find the secret of her helpful, patient, loving life. Since she joined the church in 1878, she had walked humbly before God. Her faith was strong. Her experience was a consciousness of God's presence. Though her sickness was long, and her sufferings intense, her faith in God grew stronger. God who was her conscious comforter and strength in the enjoyment of health, was her "joy," her "peace," her "all" in affliction. Her hope grew brighter to the end. She believed her "light afflictions" were "only for a moment" and "would work out for her an eternal weight of glory." Having fought a good fight and laid hold on eternal life, she fell asleep Jan. 20th, 1904. Her death was a victory. While she leaves a husband and children and many friends to mourn her loss, they know where to find her.

G. T. HARRIS.

County Court Jurors.

The following is a list County Court Jurors drawn to serve at the February term, which convenes on the 15th of said month:

C. L. Meroney, J. D. Galaway, W. A. Blackerby, J. H. Wilder, J. B. McLaughlin, John Cunningham, W. T. Seale, T. R. Robertson, R. E. Bowden, B. F. Smith, T. E. Davis, G. F. Fulton, L. R. Sewell, W. P. Ryan, J. D. Farrington, J. T. Lynch, J. T. Pilgreen, E. L. Christian, E. W. Fields, J. G. Walker, Irwin Wingard, Geo. F. Wyatt, J. W. Howard, R. S. Hill.

"The nicest and pleasantest medicine I have used for indigestion and constipation is Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets," says Melard F. Craig, of Middlegrove, N. Y. "They work like a charm and do not gripe or have any unpleasant effect." For sale by Williams Bros.

ADVERTISING.

The man who advertises his business advertises his town and there is no instance on record of a town growing into a city without the helpful effect of advertising. In every town there are broad-minded liberal citizens who are public spirited and liberal and these citizens advertise and grow rich while the close fisted citizen wears out his clothes rubbing them on a chair and wonders why the trade don't come to him.

A town grows as it advertises and the town never makes the advertising but the advertising always makes the town.

Merchants who do not advertise are hardly known out of the city limits while those who do advertise are widely known.

Towns are the same way. A town full of easy going never advertising merchants may be known as a wide place in the road where a few sellers of merchandise pass away the time playing checkers and "cussing" occasional customers for disturbing them.

In this day and time the wide awake merchant who advertises pulls the plants of trade and the towns and cities that have the active boards of trade who believe in thoroughly advertising the advantages of their cities are the ones that grow. Factories seek out such towns as are advertised because these towns seem to invite them. Nobody wants to locate in a dead town where no advertising is done, always seem to an outsider like a dead town. Show your faith by your work. If you have faith in your business advertise it and your town at the same time. If you have faith that faith yourself how do you expect to impress others with it?—Living Truth.

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All diseases of Kidneys, Bladder, Urinary Organs, Rheumatism, Backache, Heart Disease, Gravel, Dropsy, Female Troubles.

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"Dr. Fenner's Kidney and Backache Cure is the cause of my being alive to-day. I had suffered greatly of kidney disease for years and reduced in weight to 120 pounds. I now weigh 165 pounds."

W. H. MCGUIN, Olive Furnace, O. C. Druggists, 50c. 61. Ask for Cook Book—Free. ST. VITUS DANCE CURE. Circular, Dr. Fenner, Fredonia, N.Y. For Sale by WILLIAMS BROS. Columbiana, Ala.

Vincent.

J. S. Pitts, of Columbiana, spent one or two days here last week.

A. C. Wilder made a business trip to Rome and Chattanooga last week.

Dr. E. P. Chandler was called to Shelby last week on professional business.

Mrs. Terry, of Sylacauga, who has had a class in painting, returned home Sunday afternoon.

Misses Ethel Kidd and Driskoll Vincent returned last week from a delightful visit to relatives in Columbiana.

R. P. Tucker has moved his stock of goods to the building formerly occupied by Cosper and McCary.

Ed. Harris has a position with J. H. Wilder & Bro.

A. J. Warlick is occupying the residence recently vacated by Wilson McCary.

Mrs. W. J. Florey, Miss Driskoll Vincent, J. S. Falkner and Miss Lula Reynolds attended the oyster supper given by the Baptist Ladies' at Hartsersville Friday night.

D. H. Wilder's family have returned from an extended visit to relatives at Pelham.

The family of Conductor J. T. Roberts removed to Columbus, Ga., last week. They have lived here several years, and during this time have made many friends, who will regret losing them from our midst. The best wishes of our people go with them in their new home.

Mrs. A. E. Vincent, Mrs. L. T. McGraw, Mrs. J. H. Wilder, Mrs. A. W. Tucker and Mrs. A. C. Wilder, and Messrs. J. S. Falkner and Marion Vincent attended the funeral of Mrs. Phillips at Sylacauga Monday.

A Mr. Armstrong, who lived on the Fullenwider farm, died last Friday. We are unable to learn any of the particulars.

Married, last Thursday afternoon at the residence of J. S. Elliott, Rev. Mr. Conville of Sylacauga, and Miss Amanda Ralley. Best wishes for a happy and successful voyage through life is extended by all friends and Sallie Gal.

A gloom of sadness was cast over our town Sunday by the death of Mrs. M. V. Phillips, which occurred at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Edwards, in Sylacauga, just after the sun had made its appearance over the eastern horizon. Mrs. Phillips had been in bad health for some time, and her death was not unexpected. She had lived here many years and was loved by everybody, as a devoted and consecrated christian woman, having been a member of the Baptist church a large portion of her life. Funeral services were conducted by her former and present pastors, Revs. R. A. Kidd and O. P. Bentley. Her remains were interred at Sylacauga Monday. The whole community extend profound sympathies to the bereaved.

SALLIE GAL.

DENTAL NOTICE!

Dr. W. P. Hammer, Dentist, will be at Vincent, Ala., February 2nd and 3rd, prepared to do any and all kinds of dental work at very reasonable prices. Work guaranteed. Office over Tucker's store.

K. Springs.

Health of community good with few exceptions.

Prof. W. H. Gilbert attended services at Mt. Chapel Sunday.

G. W. and J. J. Patmon spent Thursday and Friday in Talladega.

J. T. Niven and W. W. Kendrick attended services at Mt. Chapel Sunday.

We regret to chronicle the death of Mrs. Addaline Davis, who died Wednesday evening. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved ones.

Hardy and Miss Cila Grimes attended the services at Chapel Sunday.

Elbert Armstrong was a welcome guest at Mrs. Robinsons Sunday.

Prof. W. H. Gilbert was the happy guest of Miss Eunice Moore Sunday evening.

Miss Susie Kendrick was the guest of Miss Flora Kendrick Sunday.

OLLIE HOLCOMBE has announced himself as candidate for matrimony subject to the action of some of the fair sex. We wish him much success.

E. F. Martin and wife have moved to Birmingham their future home. We wish them much success.

W. R. Kendrick has moved to the residence recently vacated by E. F. Martin.

P. N. Gilbert, who was attacked by rheumatism, is improving very slowly.

SCHOOL GIRL.

FOR SALE OR HIRE.

Three yoke of oxen and one dray. For particulars apply to

H. S. SHAW, South Calera, Ala.

Dargin.

Smallpox is in Calera; look out.

Courthouse talk is the order of the day.

My; but the wind did blow last Thursday night and rain a plenty for the time being.

Robert Lee and family visited J. M. Baker Sunday evening.

J. S. Evans went to Shelby last week on business.

Bob Evans, of Birmingham, was in our town last week.

Deputy Sheriff H. M. Norris was in our city again Tuesday, look out boys, somethings wrong.

J. M. Baker went to Shelby on business the latter part of the week.

Mr. Homsby, of near Shelby Springs, transacted business in our town Thursday.

Charley Armstrong, of Shelby Springs, spent Monday night with Frank Harless.

Will Nichols, of Columbiana, was in our midst Saturday.

A. C. Leonard and wife attended the quarterly meeting at Calera Saturday.

H. B. Nabors went to Calera on business Saturday.

We understand that Evans and Hornsby will start up their sawmill in a few days, they have been shut down for several days on account of repairs.

We saw Frank Lynch coming from Calera Saturday; he said he was moving the Courthouse. "We guess so."

John Lynch, of Lynch, passed through our town Friday.

M. S. Wilson passed through our town Saturday on his way to Calera to see the "Courthouse we suppose."

Wilton Lyons has accepted a position with the L. & N. R. Co., as night operator at the south end of the double track.

Tom Stoncepher was in our city Sunday.

Walter Ozley, of Longview, passed through here Saturday.

L. O'Neal and family attended preaching at Calera Sunday.

We wish to correct a mistake in an article of our communication for last week, the printer made it appear that Dock Lyons was married. We wish to say that he is not.

It seems that the Sunday school at Dargin is about to go "dead," this will never do, we ought to have a flourishing Sunday school, and would have it if our people would take more interest, we need a hustling superintendent, and the co operation of all parents, and we would have a grand school, we need a larger heating stove if every one would give a quarter we could get a good stove and never miss the amount. Somebody make a move and we will help in the good work.

We need to take more interest in church affairs and let the Courthouse go to; to—Well Columbiana.

BUFFALO BILL.

SAVED FROM TERRIBLE DEATH.

The family of Mrs. M. L. Bobbitt, of Bargerton, Tenn., saw her dying and were powerless to save her. The most skillful physicians and every remedy failed, while consumption was slowly but surely taking her life. In this terrible hour Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption turned despair into joy. The first bottle brought immediate relief and its continued use completely cured her. It's the most certain cure in the world for all throat and lung troubles. Guaranteed Bottles 50c and \$1.00. Trial Bottles Free at Williams Bros. Drug Store.

Little Hope and Lewis.

Dr. J. D. Martin preached an interesting sermon at Fourmile Sunday.

J. L. Riddle is very sick at this writing. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

Tom and sister, Miss Mollie Daniels, of Wilsonville, was the guests of Misses Valera and May Riddle Sunday evening.

J. D. Riddle, of Redlaw, was to see his homefolks at this place Sunday.

E. B. Lyons was the guest of Miss Birdie Roper Sunday.

E. Williamson and B. Burnum, of Wilsonville, were the guests of W. E. Riddle Sunday.

Arlin Kytell was the guest of Miss Alma Farr Sunday.

The sociable given by Mr. and Mrs. Miles Read Saturday night was highly enjoyed by all present.

W. G. Barkley is still carping.

Bring the Courthouse to Lewis.

The Darlin Boys is in our community now and are making some fine music.

We suppose that Russian went to Lewis Sunday.

W. E. Riddle paid Wilsonville a business trip last Friday.

Success to the R. F. D., Columbiana and the many readers of the Advocate.

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Is displayed by many a man enduring pains of accidental Cuts, Wounds, Bruises, Burns, Scalds, Sore feet or stiff joints. But there's no need for it. Bucklen's Arnica Salve will kill the pain and cure the trouble. It's the best Salve on earth for Piles, 25c, at Williams Bros. Drugists.

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W. L. FARLEY, Cashier.

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Statement of Condition January 1, 1904.

RESOURCES.	LIABILITIES.
Loans and Discounts. \$ 16,782.77	Capital Stock.....\$15,000.00
Bank building, fixtures. 7,000.00	Deposits.....52,639.61
Other Real Estate.....3,000.00	Due Banks.....2,263.00
Cash & with other banks 43,119.84	
Total.....\$69,902.61	Total.....\$69,902.61

I, W. L. FARLEY, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. L. FARLEY, Cashier.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this Jan. 1st, 1904.

J. R. WHITE, Register in Chancery.

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Election Managers and Clerks.

We, John E. Morris, Chairman, and J. H. Gunn and D. R. McMillan, composing the Board of Commissioners of County Seat Election, hereby appoint the following persons as Inspectors, Clerks and Returning Officers to hold and conduct the election to be held in the various beats in Shelby county, on Monday, the 1st day of February, 1904, for the purpose of determining whether or not the county seat of Shelby county shall be removed from Columbiana to Calera, to-wit:

Beat 1, box 1—Managers: H. M. Millstead, J. T. Leeper, J. L. Peters; clerks: J. E. Dykes, J. H. Mooney; returning officer, R. F. Cox, Sheriff.

